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Unionists threaten to torpedo talks

Blair accused of softening line on IRA

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent, and Philip Webste

TONY BLAIR was accused by the Ulster Unionists last night of watering down his stance on disarming IRA serrorists as part of secret negotiations with Sinn Fein to win a

The Prime Minister was given a blunt warning by David Trimble, the Unionist leader, that his efforts to save the Northern Ireland peace talks would fail unless he prightus a paper on decommissioning agreed by the Brit-ish and Irish governments. At a tense how long meet-

ing in Downing Street, Mr Trimble said he would vote against the 12-page agreement. move would lead to the colapse of the year-old multiparty talks at Stormont because they cannot move.

until the parties have reached agreement on IRA weapons. Mr Trimble has night joub-lished a letter from the Northdated kely 9 which he said proved that uninisters had weakened facir demands on deciminassioning in the hope of achieving an IRA ceasefire. Mr Trimble was shown the letter before his meeting with

Ar Blair. Within hours of the leak, the Northern Ireland Office also published the letter fearing that it was being misinterpret-ed. It was sent by Quenim Thomas, its political director. to Martin McGuinness, the Sinn Fein MP for Mid-Ulster. It was a serious setback to Mr Blair's new initiative in

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Trimble tense meeting in Downing Street

Northern Ireland. Mr Blair and Mr Trimble will meet again early next week in an attempt to keep the fragile process moving.

The four-page letter made clear that Republicans would be invited to substantive politbasis of an IRA ceasefire. The process of decommissioning would only have to begin once political talks. This is in linewith the arms report of 1995 drawn up by Senator George Mitchell, which has won Mr

Trimble's qualified support. However, Mr. Trimble accused the Government of remade in the first draft of the Anglo-Irish decommissioning paper on June 25, that the political parties at the talks would be able to review progress in decommissioning every two months.

The letter published yesterday simply said: The joint proposals would also provide

regular review mechanism to consider developments across the negotiations as a whole and to consider whether the necessary confidence and

momentum towards agree-

ment is being sustained."

Mr Trimble said that this was weakened even further in statement to the Stormont talks on Wednesday by Paul Murphy, the Political Development Minister. Mr Murphy said that the review sions would give parties a chance to assess whether progress was being made. He added: "If there were

nuine worries on that score the Anglo-Irish proposals en-visage that the independent chairmen, as a group, might have a role to play in indicating the need for progress on particular issues in order to sustain the necessary momen-

Mr Trimble said that this semence deprived him of his "communication cord" which would allow him to stop the progress ecommissioning. Mo Mowlam, the Northern

Ireland Secretary, denied a weakening in the Government's stance. She said that the letter to Sinn Fein was designed for the "sole purpose" of clarifying a number of points for the party. "I have no intention of allowing the Government to be drawn into open-ended exchanges with Sinn Fein as a stalling tactic and would be surprised if any new and significant points of clarification were now to



The Masters champion Tiger Woods makes a birdle putt on the 18th green in the Open at Troon yesterday. His first round was a one over par 72. Report page 45

New suspect arrested over mother and child murder

By JOANNA BALE AND STEWART TENDLER

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of mother and daughter Lin and Megan Russell arrested a man yesterday in connection with their murders

The unnamed suspect, in his mid-thirties, was held at an address in Kent's Medway area at about 8.30am and taken to Chatham police station. His arrest came after an appeal for information by the BBC 1's Crimewatch UK programme last week on the first anniversary of the crime.

The broadcast prompted more than 1,000 calls and several new names were put forward. Police say the

arrested man was one of these. Mrs Russell, 45, and her daughters Josie, nine, and Megan, six, were on their way home from a school swim-ming gala in Goodnestone, Kent, when they were attacked by a man wielding a hammer. Mrs Russell and Megan died at the scene but, in spite of extensive head injuries, Josephine survived and has been able to give police vital clues.

Last week's appeal included new video footage and photo-graphs of Josephine playing at her new home in Wales, where e lives with Shaun, he father. One Kent detective said yesterday: "The man is being interviewed about the murders, but we do not know how it is going to shape up. We are not clear at this stage if this is the man." A police spokesman con-

firmed that a man had been arrested but added: "What we don't want is for the public to think that this is the end of the inquiry. We would like anyone who may have information, however trivial, to contact us."

The police have 36 hours to question the man and can then apply to magistrates for a

further 36 hours. After a second extension of 24 hours they must charge or release

Josephine has been able to tell detectives that the man who killed her mother and sister stopped his car in a remote country lane and demanded money from Mrs Russell. She had none with her, and pleaded with the man not to hurt them, telling Josephine to run for help.

But the man gave chase when she did so and brought her back. He then attacked them all with the hammer after tying them up with one of their swimming towels and their shoelaces. Mrs Russell and Megan died instantly. Their pet dog Lucy was tied to a tree and also killed.

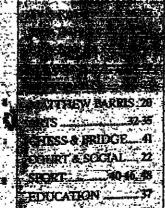
Detectives have begun DNA testing 125 people of the 8,000 people they have already inter-viewed concerning the murder to try to discover a match to a strand of hair found at the crime scene. This follows the development of new techniques in DNA testing that do not require a root to be attached to the hair. Police confirmed that the testing had begun but said it would be at least three weeks before results were available.

Josephine's description of her attacker resembles the photofit of a suspect seen driving from the scene, but detectives said they had no plans to bring her to Chatham police station to look at the man being held. in December last year detec-

tives arrested Robert Fryer, 35, actress Joanna Lumley's former gardener, in connection with the murders. Mr Fryer, who was unemployed, lived in Goodnestone. He was released without charge after more than 60 hours.

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Gay serial killer may have struck again

FROM TOM RHODES IN MUMI

THE FBI was last night investigating possible links between the shooting of Gianni Versace in South Beach on Tuesday and the brutal murder of a homosesual doctor discovered in the bedroom of his nearby home yesterday. The latest twist in America's

nationwide manhunt for Andrew Cunanan, 27, the gay prostitute believed to have killed the Italian fashion designer, came as investigators revealed the serial murderer may have been in the Miami region since early June. And it increased fears throughout the region that Mr Cunanan described by FBI profile experts as a spree killer who has haunted gay communities from Minnesota to Florida,

may swiftly strike again. Federal agents went to the scene of the second murder in Miamir Springs where Silvio Alfonso, a Cuban-born doctor. had been found dead in his red-roofed bungalow.

Mr Alfonso was said by his neighbours to have been an active homosexual who had frequent male visitors. He has two daughters living in Cuba. A white man fitting the description of Mr Cunanan was seen by witnesses running away from the district, ten miles north of the Miami International Airport. He was wearing a jacket and carrying various items, including a set of keys and a brown paper bag which were dropped in his hurry to escape. Police had

How Edward III tried to stop female succession

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A FADED and charred document in the British Library has been identified as a 1376 charter in which Edward III named his successor and stipulated that the Crown should pass only through the male line.

Michael Bennett, the Brit-ish-born Professor of History at the University of Tasmania. said:"It's so remarkable to get a document like this; a lost piece of a jigsaw in terms of how we've understood the laws of succession to the

Until the reign of Edward III (1327-77) succession to the throne had been through the male line, unless the monarch had no sons, in which case it went to a male via the nearest It was not until the reign of

Henry VIII (1509-47) that the Acts of Succession formally recognised the right of the female to inherit. The charred fragment of

vellum, a draft declaration by Edward III, is the earliest recorded manuscript laying out the male succession. The assumption in Eng-

land since Anglo-Saxon and Norman times had been that the Crown could pass to and through females. However. the laws of the succession were very unclear, only clarified from the 16th century on-wards, with Acts of Parliament." Prof Bennett said. ... What Edward III was trying to do, in line with current

to seal up the descent through the male." Scholars had been unaware been alerted by a burglar Scholars had been unaware alarm, tripped as the murder- of this charter, witnessed by his inner circle at Havering

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dukedoms and earldoms, was

atte Bower, in Essex, one of including John of Gaunt, Ed-Edward III's favourite man-

It was in 1376, a year before his death, that Edward III fell ill and panicked about a successor. He is known to have drawn up a will at this time, detailing who should inherit his jewels and

Edward named his nineyear-old grandson Richard who as Richard II succeeded him - as his heir and laid down an order of succession after that. He overlooked his daughter, Isabella, and his granddaughter, Philippa, in listing his subsequent heirs, even though Isabella was oldmund (later Duke of York) and Thomas (later Duke o Gloucester). Philippa, should by contemporary assumptions have been next in line.

"We could have had Queen Philippa", he said. "Or, her sons, Roger or grandson, Edmund, as King. But it's difficult to rerun history. Roger died before Richard II anyway. We know little about Edmund, though there was a rebellion on his behalf, as Shakespeare's Henry IV tells

Professor Bennett stumbled across the charter on veilum -4in wide by 8in deep bearing a text in Norman French Continued on page 2 col 4



Worldwide crash gives e-mail back to senders

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY

TENS of millions of electronic mail (e-mail) messages failed to reach their destinations all over the world yesterday when the system crashed for the first

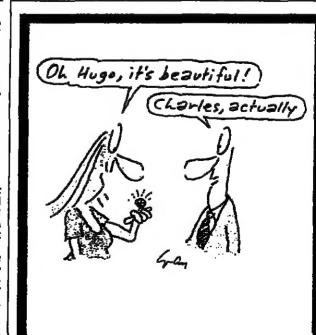
Business documents, idle gossip and love letters were bounced back to senders following the malfunction of computers. The system is unlikely to be fully operational until some time today.

Experts believe the scale of the fault is unprecedented with firms likely to have lost huge amounts of money. Nigel Titley, of BT Net, said: "People across the world are coming to rely on e-mail".

The failure, which happened in the early hours yesterday, was traced to 13 computers worldwide, including one based at Tele House in London's Docklands. The 13 are check centres which verify an e-mail address, such as letters@the-times-co.uk. When an e-mail is sent, it

makes its way first to a regional computer, which then asks one of the 13 check centres whether it recognises the address name. These so called "slave" computers are under the control of a "master computer" operated by Internic in Virginia, America. Mr Titley said: The master computer had sent out faulty

Late yesterday a few of the 'slaves" were back in service. allowing through some e-mail. In all, an estimated 75 per cent of all electronic mail failed to



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The gloves come off as leading lady takes on the shadow boxer I mages of women wresting in mud would be thought insulting these lays, but it is hard for a puralist to describe holds. Man slugs it out with Man (Cordon Brown v Kenneth work) MATTHEW PARDIS I was division to the was division to the way division. The was division to the way division to the way division to the way division. The times friday jully 18 1997 MATTHEW PARDIS I was division to the way division to the way division to the way division. The times friday jully 18 1997 MATTHEW PARDIS I was division to the way division to the w

journalist to describe (without offending codes of modern manners) the special piquancy that is lent to a scrap when the combatants are both female.

Yet in politics the sex of protagonist and opponent matters. Woman beats up Man (Thatcher v Kinnock) plays differently from Man enrages Woman (Alan Clark v Clare Short). The former hints at the mother-in-law or henpecked husband joke; the lat-

Clarke) conjures images of the boxing ring. And if you deny that Woman v Woman invites the metaphor of claws, elbows and a particularly acid quality characterised more by venom than by violence, then you miss a feature of the contest that does intrude, even if it

Gillian Shephard and Ann Taylor are well-matched. Both are well-spoken and unfailing-ly "polite". Neither raises her

and ideology.

And, once a week at half past three on Thursday afternoons, this pair go at each other hammer and tongs, to the horrified amusement of all

Mrs Taylor is Leader of the House. Mrs Shephard is Shadow Leader of the House. The job of House Leader is a weird one - a peculiarly British amalgalm of party political manager and Com-



mons magistrate. She must with each other, but when did organise the Government's business timetable for the benefit and convenience of the time she must act for the Commons as a whole in negotiating fairly with Oppo- . sition parties and in giving everyone their shout.

These two roles are, of course, wholly inconsistent (with her huge majority) to

the British Constitution ever let that get in its way? A skilful and likeable House Leader Government, and at the same can just about square the circle and, in the opinion of some of us. Tony Newton did this for the last Government in an

> It is too early to assess Ann Taylor. She is under pressure

sparrow-like Education Secretary, she has converted herself fast into a sparrowhawk with keen eyes and sharp beak. Offered what some thought a non-job, she is turning it into one of the few posts from which the Government looks vulnerable - to charges of .

Yesterday, at Business Questions, she was politely merciless. Would Mrs Taylor note that the Welsh Secretary her tone as arch as her eyebrow. "very disappointing to have to remind the Rt Hon Lady that her responsibility is

to the whole House". She put me in mind of a tiny. terrifying headmistress of my junior school. Would Taylor arrange a debate "on the cost: of refurbishing the Lord Chancellor's personal accommodation? Shephard wondered why this former fat cat needs. at the taxpayers expense, so

still to go. This could get nasty.

☐ Following last week's sketch ("A bore is born") about Norman Baker (Lib. Dem. Lewes), I must update you on the expanding horizons of Mr Baker's counsel: This week we have had his views on ethical investment by the Church, and the criteria for prosecution by the Crown Prosecution Ser-

Pensions review aims at fairer deal for women

Jill Sherman on radical retirement proposals

WOMEN who spend several years out of work while caring for relatives would be entitled to pension credits under proposals being examined by the Government

Harriet Harman yesterday announced a review of pension provision, with the aim of helping many low-paid workers, particularly women. The review, which will cover the basic state pension and the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps), will focus on plans for a "stakeholder" second pension and a separate citizenship pension, mainly

Ms Harman, the Social Security Secretary, said the citizenship pension would apply to 6.8 million carers unable to contribute to Serps or occupational pensions while unemployed. The main option being considered is that the Government would meet the weekly National Insur-

ance contributions for them. Women are also expected to benefit from proposals for pension-splitting for divorced couples and for a flexible decade for retirement. Ms Harman said one of the aims the gap between men and women so as to give women more security in retireUnder the stakeholder pen-sion, which will also help women, the Government would pay National Insurance rebates averaging fil a week. for those who opt out of Serps and join a personal pension

Although the rebates are expected to be at a similar level to those already given for those opting out of Serps. ministers argue that people will be encouraged to take up the stakeholder pensions because they will levy lower

At present up to 70 per cent of the value of a pension can be taken up by fees. Ministers said yesterday they will impose maximum charges on pension funds, unless they are lowered anyway through mar-Women are particularly

penalised under current pension schemes because they have to pay extra administrative charges every time they move in and out of work to have families or change to part-time jobs.

Ministers said yesterday that every aspect of pensions would be examined and the review, which will take nine months, is likely to overlap with the Treasury inquiry into the integration of tax and

benefits. They also left open the door to higher rebates if necessary to encourage people to join stakeholder schemes, or introducing an element of compulsion. Torn Ross of Alexander Clay, the financial services specialists, and vice-president of the National As-sociation of Pension Funds, has been asked by Ms Harman to chair a working party of pension experts to contribute to the inquiry. He is in favour of compulsory pen-

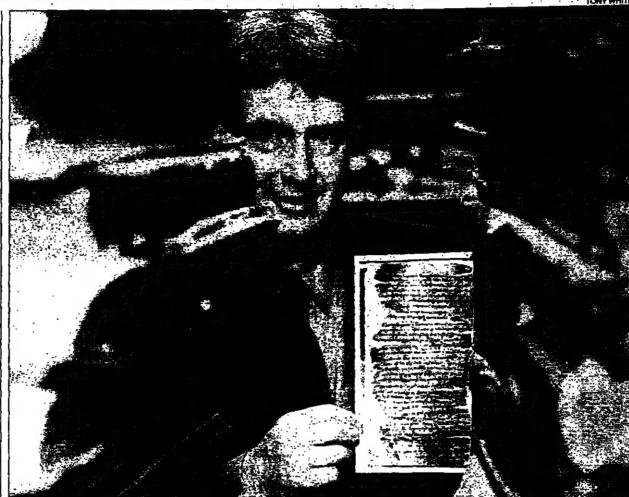
sion provision. The National Pensioners' Convention, chaired by Jack Jones and representing more than 1.5 million people, will contribute to the review. Mr Jones, a former general secre-tary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday that he would press for a rise in the basic state

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, said that the Government's plans seemed to be "entirely devoid of substance". The review was welcomed by pension users and providers. Gill Pitkeathley, chief executive of the Carers' National Association, said that the

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idea of citizenship pensions for

carers was a "major step



Professor Bennett in the British Library with the Edward III succession document "a lost piece of a jiesaw"

Edward barred women from throne

Continued from page 1 while researching a book on the politics of the reign of

His discovery has a contempoaray interest as a Bill seeking to give equal rights to women to succeed to the throne passed its first Parliamentary hurdle in the House of Lords earlier this for Lord Archer to seek the Queen's permission to bring forward his Succession to the Throne Bill, which would overturn the 800-year-old tradition by which sons take precedence over daughters in the Royal Family.

David Starkey of Landon School of Economics. a leading constitutional historian, said: "This rewrites the history of the reign of Richard II and the Wars of the Roses... What's unusual is the degree of precision in-volved. The thing I just found fascinating is the way in which this is the absolute annithesis

Jeffrey Archer is undoing the work of John of Gaunt, who was one of the chief sponsors of this and one of the chief beneficiaries. It's two centuries separated by 600 years, both dealing with the same question — the nature of the succession and equally for

light on Henry VIII, in whose reign the moves towards female succession took place. This helps to explain why he was so worried about having Princess Mary as his heir, he said, and why he underwent

immense struggles to divorce Catherine of Aragon: The THE SUCCESSION OF EDWARD III HOUSE OF

actual modern rule - the male first, followed by women in order of birth - was first sketched out in the Succession Acts of Henry VIII." Professor Mark Orangod, of

the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of York, said: "This discovery radically alters our view of Edward III's view on the royal succession and has profound implications for our understanding of dynastic politics in the late medieval state

"It highlights Edward III's concern for the descent of the Crown through the male, a pragmatic viewpoint which runs directly counter to his own claim to the throne of France." Edward III led England into the Hundred Years' War with France, ironically claiming the French throne through his mother, Isabelle

The document had been badly damaged in a fire in 1731 at Ashburnham, shortly before entering the British Mu-seum in the 1750s.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prince's links with Labour unwise'

The Prince of Wales is treading an unwise and dangerous course in so obviously associating himself with Labour ministers and their policies, Lord Blake, the constitutional historian and Tory peer, said

yesterday, Speaking on BBC Radio 4's Today, Lord Blake echoed the concern of some Conservative MPs about the Prince's policy discussions with a number of ministers. "I think the tradition of royal impartiality in politics is a very important one," Lord Blake said. The Prince's office said that he had been happy to meet Tory

Hostage hope

The wife of Keith Mangan held hostage in Kashmir for another Briton, Paul Wells, said yesterday she believed he was alive. Julie Mangan, 34, from Teesside, had met people in the region who believed they had seen them.

Nazi helpers

A new documentary on Nazi Germany features interviews with former collaborators that the producers say will destroy the popular belief that ordinary citizens refused to help Hitter. The Nazis - A Warning From History will be shown on BBC2 next month.

Gunman guilty

A gunman who killed a man who tried to prevent a street robbery in St Paul's, Bristol, was yesterday convicted of murder by Bristol Crown Court. Errol Jones, 24, of Salford Court. Salford, Greater Manchester, shot Evon Berry, 37, a caretak-er, on New Year's Day, 1996.

Hilton acquitted A botel chain was cleared of

blame for an accident in which a worker dismantling a lift nearly died. Judge Mota Singh, QC, ordered the jury at Southwark Crown to acquit Hilton International Hotels (UK) Ltd on four health and safety charges.

Dilemmas exposed but few solutions offered

THE sundry pension scandals of the 1990s have left the 19 million people saving for their retirement bewildered and confused. The Budget pension tax changes have added to the state of uncertainty. No mention of Gordon

Brown's £5 billion pension tax raid was made in the Secretary of State's announcement. Harriet Harman diplomatically concentrated on the need thoroughly to reform the whole pension system, with its numerous imperfections. Her aims are wider than the

state pension changes proposed by the Tories shortly before the election. The Conservative plan aimed simply at increasing pension saving, rather than revolutionising the current arrangements. To illustrate the need for

change. Ms Harmon highlighted the "widening inequalthes" in the system; there is a yawning gap between the pension haves and the pension enjoyed steady, lucrative emplovment can contemplate a



Confusion caused by pensions scandals has left the industry struggling with problems. Anne Ashworth reports

comfortable retirement. Thuse in irregular work must depend on the meagre state pension. While £600 billion is invested in company pension schemes, four out of ten adult workers have no savings for retirement apart from the state pension The announcement ably un-

derlined the system's shortcomings but delivered few solutions. For example, the life insurance companies and the insurance arms of the big banks are, at present, the only organisations with the systems capable of operating the "stakeholder pensions" for those on low incomes.

But more than 20 of this industry's biggest names have been censured by Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary, for their delay in

compensating the thousands

company schemes for poorvalue personal pensions. Perhaps the review will be carefully timed to allow the companies to give recompense to the victims of their mis-selling and to make a firm

improperly advised to leave

purpose of amendment. The life insurers will be anxious to participate in the stakeholder pension market, providing simple, low-oust plans. But how will they be able to justify offering curprice plans to une group, while continuing to extract high fees

from existing customers? The Harman announce ment did not clarify what kind of organisation would be offering the new wholesome sounding "citizenship pensions" for

housewives and carers.

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Peers inflict defeat over assisted places

POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government last night suffered its second defeat in Parliament since taking office over its plans to scrap the

Assisted Places Scheme. Peers voted to allow children of families who are currently on the scheme to continue having their private school fees subsidised until the

The Education (Schools) Bill, which will phase out the scheme over the next seven years, aims to cut the subsidy some less well-off parents to pull their children out of prep school two years

early or make them pay full fees.
Peers voted for the change by 127 to 90 during the report stage of the Bill in the House of Lords. The Tories said the Government had

reneged on a promise to keep the scheme going until pupils already involved reached 13. They quoted a ener written in April by Peter Kilfoyle, then Shadow Schools Minister, to the Incorporated Association of Prepara-tory Schools, saying: "If a child has a

place at a school which runs to age 13. then that place will be honoured through to 13."

Lord Strathelyde, Tory Chief Whip in the Lords, said: "A promise is a promise. The people voted on these ssurances made in the election. The Government may wish to forget that,

David Blunkert, the Education and Employment Secretary, pledged to overturn the defeat when the Bill returns to the Commons next week. "This is a case of privilege defending privilege," he said. "It will reduce the

money otherwise available from phasing out the Assisted Places Scheme to fulfil our manifesto commitment to reduce infant class sizes."

Government officials said that the Tory amendment would only affect some 400 pupils. The Government has offered to use ministerial "discretion" to allow some pupils to stay on to 13 in cases where parents could show that the pupil had been offered a place on the basis of Mr killoyle's pre-election

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Professor breaks down in court

Kathryn Knight hears don tell of family's agonising wait for indecent

assault accusations to reach trial

A PHILOSOPHY professor responsive to students. I've accused of indecently assaulting two students broke down and wept yesterday as he spoke of the "agonising" year his family had spent waiting for the case to come to court. His voice choking with emo-

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tion, Professor John Cotting-ham, 54. of Reading Uni-versity, gripped the edge of the witness box and insisted that the claims by the women, then 21 and 23, that he had fondled and kissed them were a pack

Questioned by Sandra Stanfield, for the defence at Reading Crown Court, he said he had seen no harm in giving the students a lift from the garden party where they had met last July and allowing them into his room to see his manuscripts. Over his 25 years at the university, he told the jury, he had taught hundreds of young women.
Asked by Miss Stanfield if

he had ever felt the urge to "run his hand up their legs while simultaneously groping their breasis", he replied that his career would not have lasted long if he had. "One learns to respect years mickly learns to respect very quickly the boundaries that have to be observed when dealing with colleagues and students at work. I have always respected.

He dismissed as absolutely ridiculous any suggestion that he was "ioto whips chains and canes" after the students. claimed he told them he usually possessed a cane.

Cross-examined by Simon Draycott, for the prosecution, the professor denied he had been excited by the women's company and said it did not occur to him to leave them at the faculty building and go to his room alone because he didnot assume it was a problem. With hindsight that's what I should have done and that

never been aloof or been one of those teachers who says 'don't bother me and I've never been taken advantage of in that way

He also denied he had touched the girls believing he had their consent. There's no truth in that whatsoever," he told the court.

His wife Myra, and daughter Joanna. 17, who together with his son Matthew, 20, have attended each day of the trial, broke down in the public gallery as he was led back into The jury then heard from character witnesses, including the Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, the Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, and a former student.

Lord Aberdeen, who has lived near the professor and his wife in Upper Basildon, Berkshire, for 15 years, said they were a "most closeknit couple" who were highly es-

teemed locally.
Onora O'Neill, Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, told the court she had known Professor Comingham met socially at conferences. "There is plenty of opportunity for people to reveal inappro-priate or predatory behaviour. In Professor Cottingham's case that never crossed my mind or anyone else I know."

Penelope Mordaunt, a 24year-old philosophy graduate and former students' union ident at Reading, said she had handled a number of complaints against academics in coming forward to support had taught her for three years.

She had attended a conference at Oxford on her own at which the professor was also present. She described his was an error of judgment ... attitude towards her as pater-but I consider myself open and nal and said he was armous to



Professor Cottingham leaving court with his wife, Myra, daughter Joanna, and son Matthew. Earlier he broke down while giving evidence

Baby died after fall on floor, says carer

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A REGISTERED child-minder accused of killing a baby in her care by throwing her against a hard surface yesterday admitted she had dropped

the four-month-old girl. Angela Lee, who has two children of her own, admitted lying to the parents of Danielle Firth, hospital staff and the home in February last year when she claimed the child toppled out of her chair. The prosecution has accused her of attacking Danielle because she was fractious.

Mrs Lee, 46, who had been praised by Kirklees social services the previous autumn, told Leeds Crown Court: "I dropped her on the kitchen floor. I've never dropped a baby in my care before, not

even one of my own."

When asked why she had not revealed this before, she whispered: "I was so frightened. Once you tell a lie you

have to continue with it." She thought she might lose her child-minding licence and possibly have her own child-

ren taken from her.

Mrs Lee, of Denby Dale,
west Yorkshire, who denies murder, said she cuddled Danielle after the fall and checked her for bruises but found none. When she looked

she saw something was wrong and rang for help. The girl's skull was later found to be fractured in two

at the child 45 minutes later.

accused of murder

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE widow and stepdaughter of a millionaire businessman who was shot outside his home were charged yesterday. with his murder.

Richard Watson, SS, was killed as he climbed from his sports car at his £400,000 farmhouse in East Grinstead, West Sussex, in December.
His widow, Linda Watson,

43, will appear before magistrates at Haywards Heath, West Susser, today with Amanda London-Williams, 22, a ballet teacher.

Mrs Watson was arrested as she arrived at Gatwick on a flight from Scotland yesterday. Her daughter was detained in Brighton. Earlier this year they were arrested for questioning and released on police bail.

Mr Watson had a computer company based in East Grinstead His son Julian, 28, helped to run the business and has taken control of it since his death. After the shooting there was speculation of links to East European maña groups.

Mrs Watson, a former Miss Arbroath and Miss Scotland finalist, married her husband in 1986. She offered a £10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his killer. In January Mrs Watson said: "My life ended on December 10 with the death of the man I so deeply loved.

An appeal for information

was also made on the BBC programme Crimewatch UK.

Widow and Thieving cleric daughter is stripped is stripped of luxury assets

A CLERGYMAN who funded a life of luxury for himself ed a life of luxury for himself and his family using public funds earmarked to help the unemployed in his parish was fined £60,000 yesterday. Dr Michael Bunce, 47, for-mer Provost of St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Dun-der excaped a prison sentence

dee, escaped a prison sentence but was ordered to sell his £105,000 family home to pay his fine after being found guilty of embezzling more than £44,000.

He also agreed to hand over a Mercedes and antiques and paintings he purchased with funds belonging to the St Andrew's Businessmen's Association, a limited training company he set up with local businessmen to help the jobless to find work. The goods will be assetted and the will be auctioned and the money given back to the community he cheated.



Bunce: embezzled

Sentencing him at Forfar Sheriff Court, Sheriff Kevin Veal said he had decided not to send Bunce to jail because once he had served his sentence he would be free to resume his former lifestyle largely unaffected. Instead he should be stripped of his

make sure she was at ease.

She had never felt threatened

the philosophy department at Reading University, said there

had never been any com-

plaints against him in the 25

years they had worked togeth-

er. He had been the driving

force behind the department's

The trial was adjourned

Michael Proudfoot, head of

in his presence, she said.

But he added that Bunce would be jailed for two years if the fine and a compensation order of £3,800 for a bank overdraft were not paid by

Bunce refused to apologise for his crime as he left court yesterday with his wife frances, 42, a supply teacher, and daughter Naomi, 18. He had been found guilty three weeks ago, after a five-week trial, of embezzling £44,103. from the association, which he had founded in 1985 when he was Rector at St Andrew's Episcopal Church.

The court was told that he went on a three-year spending spree from 1989, buying fast cars, antiques, paintings and fine wines, flying and shooting lessons, nights at the Ritz and Park Lane hotels in London and ponies for his son and daughter.

Yesterday, Sheriff Veal said Bunce was guilty of embezzle ment on a "truly grand scale". His family's fall from grace had been "catastrophic". The clergyman has been suspended from his post and ordered to leave the Dundee rectory

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Kazakhstan at a crossroads over invasion of TV soaps

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A SOAP opera called Cross- writers including Tony Jor- come staple fodder for the roads, which was funded by dan of EastEnders, the soap which is celebrating its the British Government to was intended as a way of 160th episode. But there are introduce the merits of free enterprise to Kazakhstan, has become a runaway success watched by more than a third

of the population. The programme, an amalgam of British soaps such as Street, The Archers and the 1970s show Crossroads achieves regular audiences of five million and is the third most popular programme in

helping people adapt to the market economy after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Now the republic is kept riveted by the fortunes of Askar, an Afghan war veteran who runs a newspaper kiosk EastEnders, Coronation in the capital Alma-Ata, Igor and Svetlana, who run a Crossroads-type motel and the problems of their respec-

tive families. Single parenthood, marital strife, family disputes and financial problems have be-Scripted initially by British

also moral messages. A man suffering from leukaemia caused by the Chernobyl disaster refused to accept a wheelchair from his brother because the money came from a protection racket. The show's success is exam-

ined in a BBC Omnibus programme, East of East-Enders, to be screened later this month. The Department of International Development said its popularity had far exceeded expectations.

Boy, 14, vanishes

with

friend's

mother

By Stephen Farrell

AN INTERNATIONAL hunt was under way yesterday for a 14-year-old schoolboy who dis-

appeared with his best friend's

ports were put on alert for Sean Kinsella and Tracey

Whalin, 33. after they van-ished from their homes in

Concern grew after police learnt that Sean, a promising

footballer said to have had

trials with Premiership clubs,

was issued with a passport in

his own name in Peterbor-

ough at 4pm the same day.

Last night Sean's widowed mother, Beryl, was upset by

the disappearance. Mrs Whalin's husband, David, 37,

her son Ross, 14, Sean's closest

friend and her two other

Nottingham police said that

despite extensive inquiries in

Britain and abroad through

Interpol there had been no

contact and no sightings of the pair since Mrs Whalin left her

home in her P-registration Ford Mondeo at 7.30am on

children were also shocked.

Nottingham on Monday.

Ferry companies and air-

Teenage 'agents' to trap shops selling alcohol illegally

The Government is tightening the law to curb underage

drinking but will not ban alcopops, reports Richard Ford

into shops to see whether they can buy alcohol as part of the Government's drive to curb underage drinking.

They will act as undercover detectives for local authorities which will then have the evidence to prosecute shops and bars selting alcohol to those under 18.

The youngsters will be sent into shops to see whether they can buy alcohol in a system that already operates to check on the sale of cigarettes and lonery tickets. Most of the young people helping the au-thorities will be the children of police and local government officers. They will not be paid.

The law in England and Wales is also to be brought into line with that in Scotland. making it an offence for adults to buy alcohol from a shop or off-licence at the request of an unsupervised youngster.

will also be able to confiscate alcohol from those under 18 found drinking in public.

But the Covernment has decided against banning alcopops, in spite of mounting concern that they are being used to entice young people

The planned changes to the law, which the Government hopes to bring in during the current session of Parliament, are being backed by selfregulatory measures put for-ward by the drinks industry. George Howarth, a junior

Home Office Minister, warned the industry that if self-regulation failed, ministers would take further action to deal with underage drinking. He refused to disclose what that might be.

Ministers hope that the existing proof-of-age scheme. currently issued at the rate of ed with the result that all 18 to

produce identification before buying alcohol. The voluntary scheme, run by the Portman Group, an organisation financed by the drinks industry, costs £500,000. Retailers have promised extra cash for the scheme but have so far failed to produce a figure.

Under the terms of the new code of practice retailers will be urged not to stock alcopops or any other alcoholic drinks under-18s. The code, drawn up by the Portman Group, bans labels suggesting links with illicit drugs or sexual prowess and rules out images of people who appear to be under 25. It also bans the use of bright colours or child-like lettering as has been used on some bottles of alcopops.

The Magistrates' Association is to join in the assault on underage drinking by urging licensing authorities to take



Teenagers in north London drinking alcopops. From next month the police can confiscate their drinks

into account whether a retailer has followed the code of conduct when deciding whether to renew his licence.

Jean Coussins, director of the Portman Group, said they believed the two-pronged of-fensive would stop alcohol failing into young hands. But other groups questioned

whether the Portman Group would be able to police its own code. Sarah Berger, director of Drinkline, said: "We have seen over and over again that there are plenty of drinks manufacturers and retailers who will put profit before social responsibility." Evidence published by the

Home Office yesterday said that it was impossible to say whether alcopops did encourage youngsters to start drinking. It showed that young people still preferred cheaper drinks such as beer and cider to the more expensive new alcohol beverages. But research has shown that child-

ren are drinking more frequently than before and a quarter of 12 to 13-year-olds and nearly a third of 14 to 15-year-olds admitted having

drunk alcopops in the previ-

Only 20 per cent of 15 to 17year-olds said they had been refused alcohol by a retailer.

Monday. An hour later Sean left his mother's house two miles away, in school uniform, apparently heading for Bram-core Hall School. He was

missed half an hour later when his mother, a barmaid, noticed clothes missing, and contacted the school to be told that he had not arrived. Detective Inspector Ian Waterfield confirmed that Sean had often spent the night

at the Whalins' home with Ross and that he had "become like one of the family to Tracey Mr Waterfield appealed for sightings of the green

Mondeo, registration number P520 ETO. He said: 1 would ask her to think of the pain that the families are suffering at the moment." if she contacted him, he said, she would be treated "with sympathy". Schoolfriends said Ross had

been visibly upset since Monday but refused to say why. Ian Saini. 14, said Sean always had a girlfriend until recently. "He has loads of muscles and all the girls love

Survey exposes myth of the feckless and absent father

By Alexandra Frean, social affairs correspondent

MEN are becoming fathers later in life and are devoting more time caring for their children than previous generations, according to research published yesterday.

The study by the Family Policy Studies Centre shows that just I per cent of teenage men are fathers compared with 5 per cent of teenage women. By their late twenties fewer than 37 per cent of men have fathered a child, compared with more than half of all women. Six in ten fathers reached their thirties before having their first child.

Despite public concerns that working parents find it hard to find time for family responsibilities. Fathers and Fathermen and women are spending more time on child care than they were 30 years ago, partic-ularly where both parents work. Time spent on child care rose fourfold for men against two and a half times for

women between 1961 and 1995. Lynda Clarke, one of the report's authors, said: "We know, anecdotally, that men are having children later in life — partly because women are — but this is the first time it has been measured how many men are fathers and at

what age they become fathers." fathers are still the sole or main breadwinner in 64 per cent of two-parent families. Despite the increase in family

years, more than 80 per cent of fathers live with all of their own, biological children. One in eight fathers was not living with any of his children.

Ms Clarke said: "The fact that so many futhers are still living with their partners shows that fathers are perhaps not being as feckless as is often thought.

She added that the research exposed the confusion about the role of the father, who is expected to do more of the caring but still be the main breadwinner. Some unmarried fathers now felt there should be a direct link between a father's obligation to make a financial contribution for his children's care and his right to

Blood, **sweat** and spoil

THE newest part of England. created from the sweat and spoil of the Channel Tunnel, was opened to the public

yesterday.
The 87 rolling acres of Samphire Hoe took six years to pile up below Shakespeare Cliff, west of Dover, using 4.9 million cubic metres of excavated chalk marl.

Among the 100 guests at the opening ceremony was Jill Janaway, a former teacher who won a competition to name the hoe. Her suggestion came from King Lear, where Shakespeare describes someone clinging precariously to the cliff face to pluck samphire, a culinary herb that has now been planted on the hoe:

* ... hallway down / Hangs one that gathers Samphire.

Vets admit battle to keep quarantine laws is over

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

VETS abandoned their longstanding defence of the quarantine laws yesterday, saying that they reluctantly accepted the inevitability of change. The British Veterinary As-

sociation said. however, that it would not join the campaign for change and would press the Government to conduct a feasibility study of the efficacy of alternative controls.

The association estimated that the number of dogs and cats imported would rise from 9.000 a year to more than 360,000 if quarantine rules were relaxed. Ted Chandler, the association's vice-president, said vesterday: "While the science is now available to justify a new approach in mitment to enforce a new system in practice is quite another matter.

"It should not be forgotten that eradicating a single outbreak might cost the public purse £4 million, plus the costs of disruption to individuals and business, possibly for several months. The veterinary profession will be on the front line, not only in ensuring that any new system works but also in the event of

any breakdowns." The Government is considering a system of controls based on anti-rabies vaccination and blood tests to prove the vaccine has taken. Imported pets would have to have certification showing the pro-

Only animals from the European Union and countries elsewhere with rabies-free status would qualify for entry under the new system.

In a report to the Governimportation of animals should be allowed through only a small number of ports and airports with authorised vets on site. Random blood tests should be carried out for a number of years to check adherence to the vaccination

The new system should be funded mainly from licence fees paid by anyone importing a pet, the association says. A crucial element must be microchip identification of

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TV antiques expert wins frient £200,000 after 'betrayal'

BY ADAM PRESCO.

TV antiques expert wins expert wins both paintings. The action of both paintings. The action of both paintings. The action of both paintings.

appears on television's Antiques Roadshow yesterday won more than £200,000 damages in the High Court as a judge delivered a scathing attack on a leading dealer.

Peter Nahum had taken the

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, Surrey, to court, claiming that it did not pay his 2.5 per cent commission for introducing the buyer of a the Stour, which sold for £6.7 million in 1993.

Alan Hobart, who was acting for Sir Graham Kirkham, a multimillionaire coilector and eventual buyer of the painting, was accused by the judge of "blatant lying and devious actions. It was said that Mr Hobart tried to cut. Mr Nahum, his friend of 20 years, out of the deal, claiming had done everything

Mr Nahum had an agree ment with the college to find were being sold to raise money for restoration work on the



had nothing to do with the

Gerry Museum for £11 million in September 1993 without any involvement by Mr Nahum. He then introduced Sir Graham to the college as a potential buyer of a Gainsbor-£35 million. Mr Nahum was paid his 2.5 per cent commis-sion of £100,000.

Mr Hobart told him that Sir Graham was not interested in later read in an arts magazine that he had bought it. The

betrayal of a very close friend of 20 years", the judge said. Mr Hobart had tried to mislead the court into believing been bought by Sir Graham. Judge Prosser said that "Mr Nahum was an honourable man, a straight-dealing man, sensitive, intelligent man

Mr Hobart, who runs Pym's Gallery in London, was "a sad

who has a reputation higher than most in the art world. "I would not rely on Mr Hobart's word for anything in this case. It is very clear, in my view, that there was an agree-ment with Mr Nahum and the

college."

The judge said he would not allow such "deviousness" to that Mr Hobart had told the college that he had dealt directly with the sale of the deprive Mr Nahum of his Constable and that it was "a completely separate deal", so commission. He was awarded £196,800 plus interest. there was no need to use Mr

Mr Hobart said after the case, from his gallery in London: "I don't think the and totally callous use of one judge actually grasped the full man by another - of Mr Nahum by Mr. Hobart," the judge said. "If one scrapes tured. He did not understand the transaction and how it was away the veneer of deceit, one set up. I do not retract any-thing that I said in the witness can see a clear path from Mr



while is the

Jubal, a male snow leopard, greets the public for the first time at Marwell Zoo, Hampshire, yesterday. Jubal and a female, Ella, were born at the zoo in May and were making their debut in the main enclosure after vaccinations. Snow leopards are an endangered species from the highest mountains in central Asia with only a few thousand left in the wild

Doctor struck off over bogus drugs trials

A DOCTOR who tried to defraud a drug company of £40,000 by carrying out bogus drugs trials on his patients was struck off for serious professional misconduct

John Anderton, 63, put his patients through months of anguish as investigators sought to unravel the fraud over the new drug to treat heart and kidney disorders. None knew if they had been, given it without consent.

Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, chairman of the General Medical Council's disciplin-ary committee said. The facts demonstrated that you repeatedly behived distron-estly. In doing so you under-

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Investigators became suspi patient consent forms, wit-nessed by the doctor's clerical officer, Maureen Johnston.

Dr Anderton, a member of Nephrology and the Euro-pean Dialysis and Transplant Association, had told Mrs greed to the trial. She said

deception was uncovered, the hospital took immediate steps to allay the fears of heart and whom must have feared that they had been the unwitting

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Students must pay tuition fees from September 1999

TUITION fees for higher edu-cation will be introduced in September 1999, subject to final agreement by the Cabi-

Proposals for fees of up to \$1,200 will be the subject of consultation over the summer and legislation could not be introduced until late autumn. But with students beginning to apply in September for maintenance grants. places the following year, the Government would risk defeat in the courts if it abolished free

tuition immediately. Downing Street emphasised yesterday that parts of Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education would be "refined" after it was published next Wednesday. But education ministers are convinced that fees of up to £1,200 are unavoidable if universities are

to avoid a financial crisis. Today's Times Higher Education Supplement says that Sir Ron has recommended restricting access to larger government-spansored Jent loans to ensure that money is available at favourable rates to students

from poor backgrounds. All applicants would face a means

test. However, denying some students access to loans could magnify the middle-class backlash which ministers fear when they announce the introduction of fees and the loss of

The proposals are aiready attracting fierce criticism. Douglas Trainer, president of the National Union of Students, said tuition fees would be fought "tooth and nail". Universities should look for

A DIVORCED father's legal

hattle to cut all financial responsibility for his 20-year-old student daughter ended in

defeat in the Court of Appeal yesterday (Frances Gibb

Kenneth Beattie argued

that it was "unjust unfair and

illogical" that he should be

more savings before students were required to repay fees. which would deter people from poorer backgrounds. But Diana Warwick, chief

Government gives a year's grace, reports John O'Leary

executive of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said students benefited substantially from higher education and therefore should make a contribution to it. Don Foster, Liberal Demo-

crat education spokesman, said: "We believe that the additional money urgently needed for higher education

upkeep. The money, he said.

was not needed because she

received a full student grant and could work during the

holidays. But two judges -

who described his argument

as "superficially attractive" -

should come from a funding partnership of more money from students, through the conversion of maintenance grants into loans, more money from employers, and more

money from the State."
Stephen Dorrell, Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said that ministers should study Sir Ron's proposals in detail before deciding how to tackle the problem. "It Government announced a Divorced fathers' duty to pay

> forced to pay £155 a month towards his daughter Laura's to maintain children in fulltime educational or vocation-

al training".

Mr Beattle, from Plymouth, had already paid towards the upkeep of his elder daughter Nicola when she was at university between

education world and other interested parties had an opportunity to consider the various options."

The report was commis-sioned by Gillian Shephard, the last Tory Education Secretary, with Labour support. Sir Ron will give a series of options, indicating preference for flat-rate button fees. Loans would be repaid over a longer period than the five years expected for existing maintenance loans, and repayments would be "income contingent". All graduates could get a discount for prompt payment, and the establishment of national scholarships would be one option to ensure that poor students were not excluded. Il Imposing fees on medical students would stop many potentially good doctors from entering the profession, Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Market Market Parket Statement of the British Market Statement of the Britis ish Medical Association, said yesterday, "Medical students are already graduating with serious debts and this would deter people who would make good doctors from training," he said.



Sir Ron Dearing's report will be revealed on Wednesday

Poor maths linked to time spent in lessons

BY OUR EDUCATION EDITOR

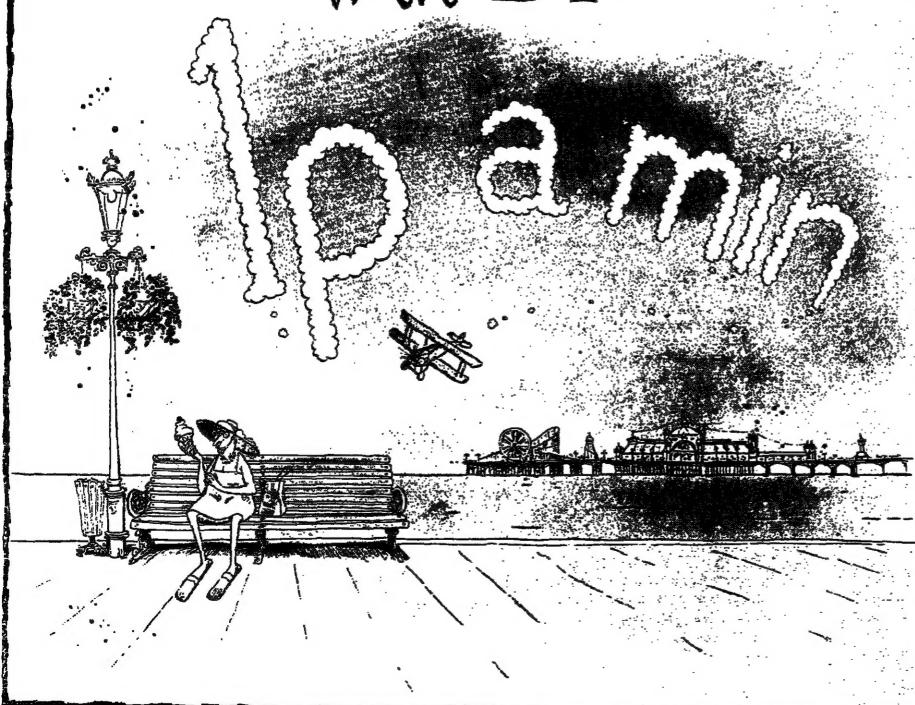
TEENAGERS in English schools make more use of calculators and spend less time on mathematics than those in countries that did better in recent international comparisons. An investigation by the Nat-ional Foundation for Educational Research into the possible factors behind sharply diverging performances by English pupils in mathematics and science found that schools in England spend less time than most other countries on mathematics and more

than most on science. The study showed both nine and 13-year-olds from Eng-land and Scotland in the bottom third of more than 40 countries for mathematics, but near the top for science.

In mathematics, calculators were used far more frequently. in England than in countries such as Japan.

Teachers in both subjects spent more time than their counterparts abroad on marking and administration, and less on preparing tests.

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Teachers who fail to keep order face sack in a month

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND JILL SHERMAN

TEACHERS who fail to control unruly children could be-sacked within a month, ac-

Stephen Byers, the Minister for School Standards, will today give details of a new category of "gross incompe-tence" to cover teachers who let children run riot in the classroom. The category, which has been proposed by the Local Government Association, covers teachers who showed themselves "totally

unable to control a class". Mr Byers will announce in the Commons a fast-track system to remove those teachers once they have been hat at present it can take 18 months to dismiss an incom petent teacher and head eachers often cannot be bothered to instigate the lengthy

also expected to outline his proposals for a probationary which they would be expected to work part-time in schools and attend professional development courses. The new: only come into effect after the induction year, but older teachers would also be

vulnerable. Eamonn O'Kane, deputy general secretary of the Nat-ional Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "We would be extremely uneasy about it, to put it mildly. How do you define gross incompetence? This procedure could amount to gross injustice."

the letter from Mrs Jan Her-Lord Bridge of Harwich on Church of England referred to result of an editorial error,

☐ Thomas Sutcliffe, television critic of The Independent neither attended the General Synod (report, July 14) not

Dolphin, for a new lease of life in the bathroom





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Lisa McLean, who was back at home a day after undergoing three hours' surgery

Hospitals need £500m now to stave off winter crisis, BMA chiefs say

Budget has not satisfied doctors, reports Ian Murray

tion of services. "We all agree

we want to do that but it will

take five to ten years. It is dangerously fatuous to think

that the money can be saved

happening anyway, the Gov-

increasing gap in all health

services between what could be offered and what can be

afforded," the letter says. "We

ment must take a lead and

There seems to be an

THE extra El.2 billion provides could be found quickly by ed in the Budget for the reorganisation to end duplica-National Health Service will tion of services. "We all agree not avert serious problems in hospitals, doctors said yesten-day. Unless at least another £500 million is found quickly, the best hope of averting a crisis will be mild winter

vill be waits for trollies let alone waits for beds," Mac British Medical Association. said. "We shall see seriously ill" patients shuttled round the countryside in ambolances for a free bed."

Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA said: We were relieved when the Budget pro-duced another £1.2 billion but that will not be available until next year. We have a major shortfall now and even if we had a massive amount of money we could not solve the

We need an immediate injection now to ensure there is no crisis in the forthcoming winter and even then we must pray for good weather and hope that not too many more doctors take early retirement. In the longer term, we need £1.2 billion every year for the

next five if we are to be able to provide a decent service." Dr Macara was worried that the Government was getting "dubious advice from

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often small benefit at very high cost ... Rationing is currently inefficient, inequitable, undemocratic and opaque. Many patients feel as if the availability of services is determined by a lottery with unknown rules. Many of these

A letter in the British Medical Journal today urges Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, failures can be laid at the door to set priorities for how of the previous Government's healthcare money is spent reforms but that is not the whole explanation . . . There must be more equity the letter; said that healthcare rationing was abhortent to the must be taken at every level of

the health service, including nationally. The Government should be providing guidance. Evidence of the parlous state of NHS finances is onal Audit Office. The report shows that between April and December last year the number of NHS trusts in England in financial trouble had grown between April and December

from 95 to 168, with the

number in serious deficit ris-

ng from 26 to 47. The cost of clinical neglience to the NHS was now £200 million a year, with the total expected to rise over the next five years to a total of more than El billion. Sir John Bourn, head of the Audit Office, said he was concerned that health authorities and trusts did not make provision for the cost of incidents that might lead to a claim.

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Woman with club foot wins back job

By A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN has won back her job at a toothbrush factory after she was fired because she is disabled. In what is thought to be the first case brought under the Disability Discrimination Act, an industrial tribunal decided that Barbara Taring was unfairly sacked.

Mrs Tarling, 47, who has a club foot, worked at the Wisdom factory in Haverhill. Suffolk, But last year, after lo years there, increasing pain in her legs and hips forced her to take four weeks sick leave.

She was sacked on her return. The tribunal at Bury St Edmunds ordered her reinstatement and told Wisdom to pay her £1,200 for injury to her feelings. She now uses a

Tiny drill gives girl the chance of a normal life

AN EIGHTEEN-month-old girl has become the first child in the world to have pioneering surgery in which a blocked artery in her hungs was cleared by a drill.

Lisa McLean, from Cumbernauld, underwent the operation at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow after conventional treatment failed. Cardiologists used a diamond-tipped drill the size of a matchhead to remove fibrous tissue that was obstructing the flow of blood in her left lung. The operation, previously carried out only on adults with heart problems, took three hours and she was back home within 24 hours. Neil Wilson, the consultant

carried out the procedure, said yesterday that it had been a success and was now being used to treat other children. "No one had done it before so we were a little nervous. But obviously we thought the technique would work because it

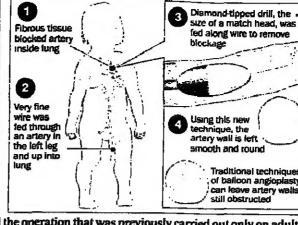
paediatric cardiologist who

had been successful with adults. There were risks in-volved: the drill may have punctured the artery, which we explained to her parents, but the benefits far outveighed them," he said. Using this technique we have been able to give Lisa

back her childhood. She will now be able to ride a bike, go swimming and go to school in the normal way." Lisa was born a "blue baby"

with a rare disorder in which

not enough blood reaches the



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Neil Wilson, who performed the operation that was previously carried out only on adults

lungs. The condition, which affects one in 20,000 live births, left her breathless and turned her lips and nails blue. It meant that as she grew up she would not have been able

to play like other children. The Rotablator diamondtipped catheter drill had been used for ten years to treat heart problems and thromboses in the tough, older veins of adults but Dr Wilson was the first to think of adapting the method for use in the more delicate arteries of children.

Concerns that the drill might damage young veins were lessened by the fact that the "smart" drill can differentiate between hard and soft nssue and cuts through hard

The operation took place in March when Lisa was 15 months old. First a thread-like guiding wire was inserted into an artery in her left leg. Using

television monitors the wire was passed through the 22mm-wide vessel, up through her leg, past her kidneys and navel and into the problem

artery in her left lung.

A 1.25mm drill was then inserted, following the path of the wire to the problem area, where rotating at 200,000 times per minute it removed most of the fibrous tissue. A 1.75mm drill was then used to clear the artery completely.

Yesterday Lisa's mother, Rhona McLean, 32, a bank clerk, said: "We are absolutely delighted with the outcome. Lisa is a mischievous little girl now, full of beans and running around just like any other normal child her age."

She was just ten days old when doctors discovered she had a heart murmur and she underwent an exploratory operation last July. "Although she led quite a normal life in the first months we knew that couldn't last," Mrs McLean

After a failed procedure in October when surgeons attempted to clear the blockage by inflating the artery with a balloon, Mrs McLean and her husband, Kenny. 37, had to decide whether to allow their daughter to undergo an untried operation. "It was a difficult decision to make and we were apprehensive but we trusted the doctors and decided we had to give Lisa a chance," she said.

Although Lisa's condition has vastly improved since the been removed she will need further surgery, possibly later this year, to unblock other arteries. She also has a hole in her heart. Since Lisa's operation an unnamed li-year-old boy has also benefited from the treatment in Glasgow.

Future of Scottish **Ballet** in doubt

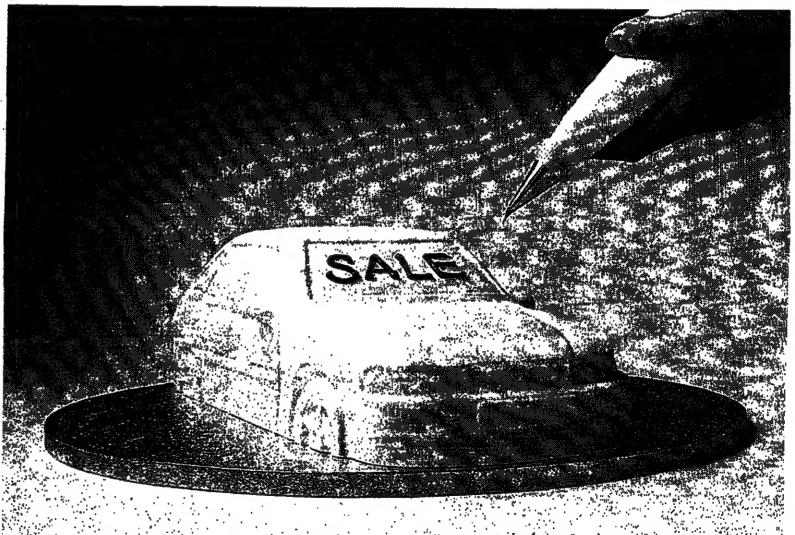
BY DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE future of Scottish Ballet, one of the country's leading companies, was uncertain last night after it emerged that the dance panel of the Scottish Arts Council recommended the withdrawal of its core

Only last month the chairman of the Scottish Arts Council expressed anger that Scottish Ballet had rejected cost-cutting proposals to pool orchestral resources with three other national companies. "This places a big question over the future of the company," Magnus Linklater said. He was particularly frustrated by their decision because negotiations have

dragged on for 18 months. The other three — Scottish Opera, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and Scottish Chamber Orchestra had agreed to a merger. It was seen as the first step towards ensembles is 13 million.

Debra Craine. The Times's dance critic, said: "The company brings ballet to parts of the country that would otherwise not be able to see it. Scottish Ballet has some very fine productions in its reper-Sylphide is outstanding — and thanks to the imaginative commissioning policy of the artistic director. Galina Samsova, new and interesting work is being created."



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Spurs team doctor loses job claim

Club attacks claim that it ignored warning over head injury to Jurgen Klinsmann, reports Michael Horsnell

hurtful allegations. The GP.

A FORMER team doctor at Tottenham Hotspur, who claimed he angered officials at the football club when he tried to stop the German star Jurgen Klinsmann from playing with a head injury, yesterday lost a claim for unfair

Patrick Keating claimed the club ignored his demand for the player to see a brain specialist after he was knocked unconscious in his first match for the club and later showed signs of an epileptic fit.

The club accused the doctor of being a "bitter and vindictive" man who had used the tribunal to spread wild and

who runs a general practice in Enfield, north London, alleges that Alan Sugar, the chairman, and Claude Littner, the chief executive, were more concerned about the share price than the welfare of But his case was dismissed

at an industrial tribunal after the Premiership club argued that he was not an employee under the terms of the 1996 Employment Rights Act. Murray Creed, chairman of the tribunal, ruled that he was engaged as an independent contractor supplying medical expertise who was paid fees rather than a salary. Dr

> in the English courts." Klinsmann, who now plays for the Italian club Sampdoria, was knocked unconscious for three minutes after a clash of heads with Des Walker. a defender. in a match against Sheffield Wednesday

Kearing, 44, who was first-

team doctor from 1994 to 1996.

said later that he planned to

take his case, which includes

alleged breach of contract and

unauthorised deductions from

John Ireland, the club's company secretary, said after-

wards: "The suggestion that

Alan Sugar or Claude Littner

would put share price consid-

erations before players' well-

would have welcomed the

opportunity to expand and be

cross-examined on his state-

ment, including the Jurgen Klinsmann incident, "Klins-

mann gave me his consent in writing to refer to the incident

Dr Keating said that he

being is untrue."

his fees, to county court.

on August 20, 1994. Dr Keating resigned from his part-time post, for which he was paid £13,000 in the 1995-96 season, after claiming that Spurs effectively swapped his role with that of Mark Curtin, his deputy. But the tribunal accepted that the two doctors, who work at the same practice, were joint club doctors. Dr Keating told the



Klinsmann is carried off after being knocked unconscious on his debut against Sheffield Wednesday in August 1994

dimissed precisely because I was not prepared to bend the rules and compromise the health of players." He said his relationship with Mr Sugar and Ossie Ardiles, the manager at the time, had deteriorated

had recommended the player should not play again until he added: "Ardiles had been declaimed club officials ignored manding my sacking at board the advice. meetings. The club felt that somehow I was a loose

He said that Tony Lenaghan, the club's physio-therapist, had told him the cannon." Thomas Croxford, counsel

club was angry and that he for the club, told the tribunal should keep a low profile. He that Or Keating's claims were

that Dr Keating's claims were being used to intimidate the club and "to strike at the most sensitive matters for a football club - the care of its players. He has sought to bring the club into disrepute."

boys buried together

Two best friends who died together in the school coach crash in the French Alps were buried side by side yesterday. The families of Robert Boardman and Keith Ridding, both 14, were among 400 mourners at St Anne's Church in Clifton, Greater Manchester. Another 200 listened from outside. Nicola Moore, 15, the third victim from St James's School, Bolton, will be buried today.

Attack arrests

Seven men were arrested in the Merseyside area in connection with the attempted murder of a fan at the Glas-tonbury pop festival, James-O'Donnell, 26, from Bootle on Merseyside, was attacked by three men with baseball bats.

£18,000 for Chips

Memorabilia that belonged to Robert Donat, the actor re-Chips, fetched nearly £18,000 at auction. The 20 lots, sold by his children, included the spectacles he wore for the Oscar-winning 1939 role.

Moped death

A Hull council road safety officer was killed in an accident while taking her first lesson on a moped, an inquest was told. Lynn Wasilewski, 42, from Benneles 42, from Beverley, swerved into the path of an oncoming car. Verdict accidental death.

Cannon found

Salvagers have recovered 14 cannon from the wreck of the Hanover, a square rigger which sank off the south Cornish coast in 1763 en route to Falmouth from Lisbon. The ship is thought to have been carrying precious stones.

Dog's breakfast

A two-year-old girl fed £160 to her family's boxer puppy after taking the money from the till of their pub in Stetchworth. Cambridgeshire to play with. Kate Knight, 33. Charlotte's mother, said the dog liked eating paper.

Police hunt phone-pest 'headmaster' | Horse welfare threatened

By Russell Jenkins

Patrick Keating, left, claimed that the former Spurs

manager Ossie Ardiles had demanded he be sacked

POLICE have joined forces with BT investigators to track down a telephone post who poses as a headmaster to terrorise young boys. The telephone menace, well-spoken with an old fashioned" manner, tells the boys that they have been naughty and must report to his office to be slippered or thrashed.

So far he had made no attempt to

follow up the calls with personal contact but he appears to research meticulously his targets in and around Manchester. Greater Manchester Police issued a

public warning that the content of his calls was becoming more disgusting and were causing "great distress" to the boys

boys to call him "sir" before making degrading suggestions.

He has targeted at least 76 victims, dating back to July 1994. The latest was three weeks ago. Calls to BT's nuisancecall office reveal that the man was calling eight victims a month. The calls were made either at 8am or about 4pm between Monday and Friday, never at weekends. All the calls have been made from public telephone kiosks in central Manchester. He manages to convince parents to hand over the telephone to their children with his clipped accent and plausible approach.

One father of an !!-year-victim said: "The man had opened up by telling him he had been naughty boy and that he was to be punished. He told us how the man demanded to be called 'sir' and how he would administer corporal punishment in his office after taking down his

The father added: "I feel in some w that I let my son down and that I let this man con me.'

Officers have launched Operation Headmaster using new technology to track down where the calls are being made from. Sergeant Steve Cross, of Greater Manchester Police, said: "This man has so far made the lives of 76 young victims and their parents hell." He urged children who received a strange call to log the time and content.

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE welfare of thousands of horses and ponies is threat-ened by a European Union rule that classifies them as food-producing animals.

Phenylbutazone, the most effective painkiller for horses, will cease to be available because of a supposed threat to human beings, according to the British Veterinary Association. Sue Dyson, president of its equine division, said: "Bute is the most common, reliable,

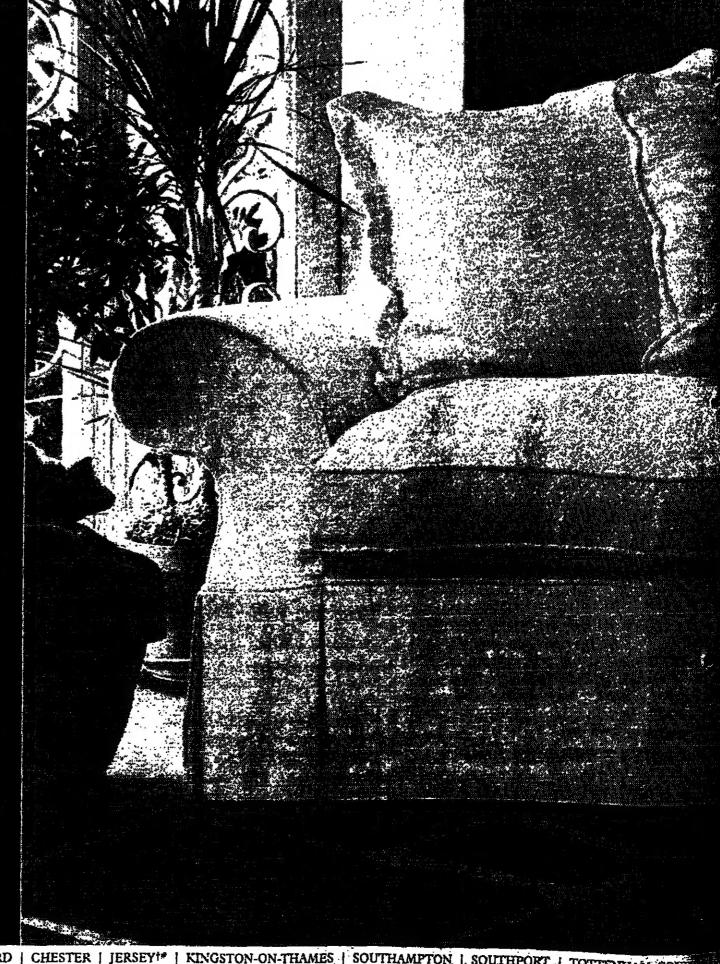
effective and safe drug that we have for treating pain in horses. Its removal could mean that older horses may be destroyed rather than treated with less effective and more expensive medication."

It is estimated that as many as 350,000 horses a year in Britain are treated with phenylbutazone for conditions such as laminitis (inflammation of the hoof) and arthritis. Many need permanent, daily treat-ment. Dr Dyson said: "Bute costs about 40p a day. The next best, but less effective, drug costs about £4 a day."

horse meat is eaten on the -Continent In humans, phenylbutazone has been found to cause stomach ulcers and blood disorders and there is concern that minute residues of the drug in horse mean could be a threat to public

The association said that microchipping herses, to identify those that had been treated with phenylbutazone. might be the only way in which vets would be able to go on using the drug. That would cost about £50 a horse.

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Prison does not work for women, says inspector

HOME CORRESPONDENT

MOST women imprisoned in England and Wales represent no security risk and could be held in open conditions or given community penalties, the Chief Inspector of Prisons said yesterday.

Only about 30 per cent of the 2,650 women in jail would be a risk to the public if they escaped, a report by Sir David Ramsbotham said. For the remainder, many imprisoned for acquisitive crime such as theft, another form of sentencing may well be more

appropriate.

Sir David called for accommodation to be built on the outskirts of big population centres to house women. These areas should include London, where 27 per cent of women prisoners have a home, Manchester, Birming ham, Leeds, Essex, Liverpool, Bristol, South Wales and Newcastle upon Tyne.

The report also recommends that "half-way" accom-modation be built where prisoners would live as they come towards the end of their sentences and are being pre-pared for release. Sir David



Tilt said the proposals were being considered

also repeated his call for the Prison Service to appoint a director of women's prisons with responsibility for managing the 15 women's jail in England and Wales.

"Central to this report is our strongly held view that the women's prison system ought to be managed as an entity, by one director, with responsibility and accountability for all that happens within the women's estate," he said.

There is an urgent need for a thorough analysis of the needs of women prisoners and a national strategy for imple-

them." He told a London press conference that consistent policies for women were unlikely person in charge.

The report, Women in Pris-on, which makes 160 recommendations, concludes that the Prison Service is failing to meet the special needs of women inmates. The report found that 61 per cent of women in prison were the primary carers of children. When a woman was sent to prison the burden of looking after children fell on her own mother or family. Only 25 per cent said that the biological father or current parmer was

As a result Sir David said more accommodation should be built to allow women to be held nearer to their homes in open conditions.

His report added: "A greater proportion of women prisoners should be held without physical security restrictions as they do not represent a danger to the public, nor is there a high probability of them absconding." Paul Cavadion, the princi-

pal officer of the National Association for the Care and



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Sir David Ramsbotham with inmates at Winchester Prison this week; he argues that prison is failing to meet the special needs of women

Resettlement of Offenders, said the appointment of a director of women's prisons would be the "single most important step" towards improving conditions for women in jail. The report is a searing

indictment of this country's approach to women's imprisonment. For decades women's prisons have been treated as an afterthought tacked on to the needs of men," he said.

eral of the Prison Service, said a director of women's prisons women's needs by the existing steps were already under way to implement some of the recommendations including the provision of more specialised training for staff. He said the appointment of

the context of the current organisational review of the Prison and Probation Ser-

would have to be considered in area structure in which the other local agencies, including social services, education au-

Computer games company that undermined Scargill strikes it rich Paul Wilkinson on a success born from software inspired by the miners' strike



based its success on a battle between Arthur Scargill's flying pickets and a character called Monty the Mole floated on the

stock market yesterday.

As a result of the flotation
Gremlin interactive, which began
13 years ago at the height of the
miners' strike with a £1,000 loan and a rented shop opposite the National Union of Mineworkers headquarters in Sheffield, is now worth £30 million. It is a major player in a world market valued at

float will give Grentlin's joint chief executives, Ian Stewart and his wife, Jenny, a former tax official, a joint share-holding valued at about

An engineer by training, Mr Stewart, 43, foresaw the market in computers while an area manager for a hi-fi chain. In 1984 he borrowed £1,000 from his father and sold his house to finance a tiny shop, Just Micro, in his home city of E7 billion annually.

The shares priced at 159p will
Street electrical giants cottoned on start trading next Thursday. The

he and a partner set up Gremlin Graphics to produce games. At the time the staunchly Labour

city was embroiled in the year-long miners' strike, with Mr Scargill masterminding the dispute across the road at what was known locally as Arthur's Castle. It gave Gremlin the idea for Monty Mole. who burrows away stealing coal and ballot papers to outwit the flying pickets and knock "King Arthur out of his castle. The game sold by the million, as did a sequel.

After the strike, as Mr Scargill

and the old heavy industries de-clined, Gremlin followed the new technology boom to become a global multimillion-pound business. Mr Stewart said: "We were in the right place at the right time. We never thought something that started as a hobby for enthusiasts would become so big but quite soon we realised the business was going

In 1989 he borrowed and sold his house again to buy out his partners for £400,000. In the nine months to the end of last April the company,

renamed Gremlin Interactive, made £2.5 million profit on an £11 million turnover.

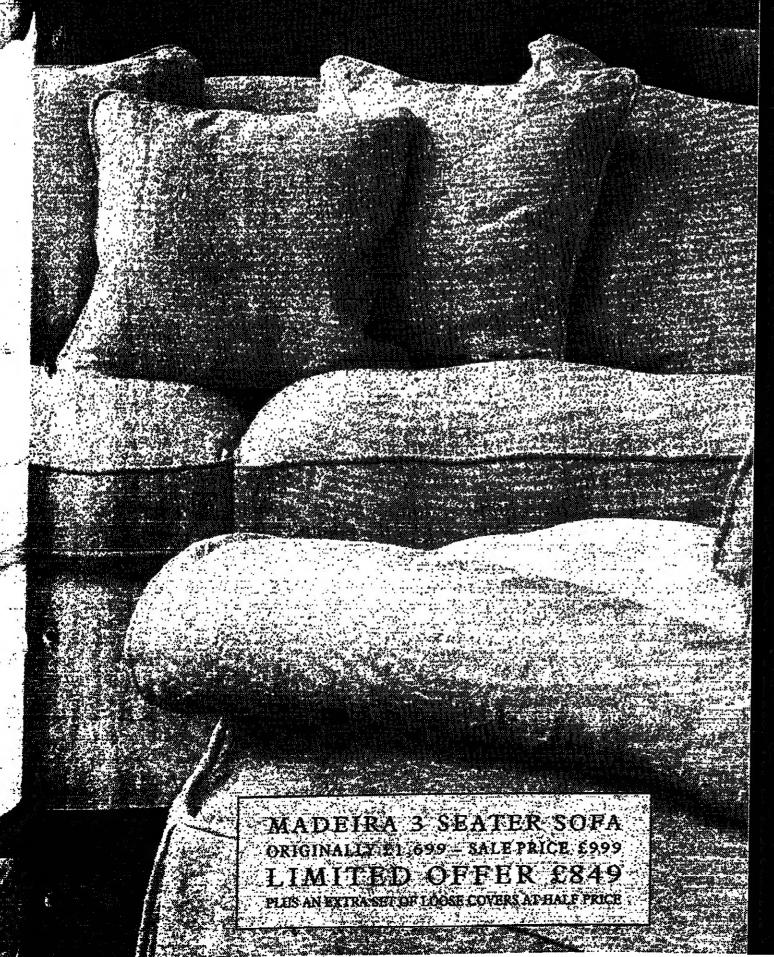
Several of their successful games were based on demo programmes sent in by young computer buffs who were invited to join Gremlin's well-paid development team.

The software, especially sporting games, they created are rarely out of the computer top ten, and Gremlin is the only games creator yet to produce a loss-making game. Ten years ago it employed ten people. It now employs 269 people

flotation Mr Stewart said: "The funds will allow us to consolidate our position as the market leader. It's a huge and ever-changing market and we hope to become the market leader in our sports range this year. The flotation will enable us to fund a growing portfolio. We are planning to double the number of titles we release annually. Our aim is to be the top company in

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Their successful games include Zool. Premier Soccer and Loaded. Last year Gremlin produced the official game for the European soccer championship.



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Law lords quash conviction for killing policeman

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A TEENAGER jailed for life for murdering a policeman, although he was 100 yards away from the stabbing and in handcuffs, was freed by the House of Lords yesterday. Philip English was 15 at the

The knife blow that killed Sergeant Bill Forth in Gateshead four years ago was delivered by Paul Weddle but Mr English was jailed as a partner in the "heinous"

Yesterday, three years after Mr English began a sentence of 15 years, five law lords quashed the conviction in a test case on the law of "joint enterprise". The reasons for their decision will be given later. The Prison Service last night began arrangements for the release of Mr English, now 19. from Moorlands prison

near Doncaster. Sergeunt Forth died after being called with a constable to a disturbance on the Cloverhill estate in Gates-head. After drinking and taking drugs Paul Weddle, then 25. went to the home of his former girlfriend with another mun and began causing trouble. Mr English became embroiled in the disturbance

after the police arrived. Mr English was alleged to



English: to be released after three years in jail

with a fence post and run away, pursued by the constable. He was brought down by the policeman and arrested 100 yards from where Weddle and Sergeant Forth were struggling. Weddle produced a knife and killed the sergeant with a blow to the heart.

During the trial at Gateshead Crown Court the prosecution argued that Mr English and Weddle were partners in crime. Even when Mr English ran away he was still a party to the agreement to attack and was liable for what Weddle did. He gave no verbal indication that he had ceased to be a partner in crime with Weddle.

The jury convicted Mr English on a 10-2 majority verdict after ununimously agreeing that Weddle was guilty. Mr

"terrible thing". Yesterday after the decision Mandy English, Mr English's stepmother and a Labour councillor, said she was "ecstatic" at the end of four-year struggle to free

Asked about the feelings of the Forth family she said: "We have been very aware that a man is dead but the person who is responsible for that is in jail. It's not as if they haven't got the culprit."

But Sergeant Forth's widow, who was left with two children aged II and 8, said: "I just feel hat Bill has been let down by the British justice system. don't know why and I need to understand why. As far as I'm concerned he was guilty and he still will be."

The case has been compared

to the Derek Bentley trial in

1953. Bentley was hanged for the murder of a policeman although another man did the killing. The killer was too young to be sentenced to death and Bentley was alleged to have encouraged the shooting. Last night Maria Dingwall. Bentley's niece, said that she hoped the English case could help the fight to clear her uncle. "I am waiting for the Criminal Case Review Commission's decision on referring the case back to the Court of Appeal in September," she said. "But I feel it could come



Russian planes blunder into BA jet's airspace

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

AN AIRCRAFT with 109 passengers on board had to take emergency action to avoid a mid-air collision with three Russian military jets that appeared to be lost over

The afternoon British Airways flight from Aberdeen to Gatwick was at 15,000ft and beginning its descent on Wednesday when air traffic con-trollers ordered the pilot to turn sharp left to avoid a giant Antonov tanker and two Sukhoi 30 fighters that were on their way from a base near Moscow to RAF Fairford in Gloucesterhire.

Moments earlier the terminal controller at West Drayton was called by one of the Sukhol pilots who reported that they were experiencing difficulties in holding their altitude and in navigating accurately towards the RAF base, where they will be part of the Royal International Air Tattoo this weekend.

The three Russians eventually roared past 400ft above the Boeing 737. Both the pilot and the air traffic controller immediately reported the inci-dent, which is being investigated by the air accident nvestigation branch of the Department of Transport.

First indications are that the two fighters - which had been refueiled from the tanker on their way from Russia had not realised they were flying into a busy airway. Yesterday an RAF pilot had

no trouble flying into RAF Fairford, albeit in an American Stealth bomber. He also flew into the arms of his family in a surprise reunion. Squadron Leader Mark

Sutton had left his wife, Sue, and sons, Christopher. 3, and Tom. 2 in New Mexico, where he last saw them three weeks ago. Also on the tarmac were his parents, Robin and

Dorothy Sutton. Squadron Leader Sutton. 33, is on a three-year secondment to the US Air Force the 9th Fighter Squadron — and flew the F-117A Night-hawk to Fairford for the tattoo. "It's really nice to be back," he said. "It's my first time back in Britain for about 18 months.

He said that during his brief return to Britain - his home is at Chippenham in Wiltshire - he would be seeing old friends and having a big reunion party. "it's great to be able to bring a Stealth plane here and show it off. But I think I might be a bit B2 Stealth plane comes in at the weekend. Still, I like this one better." It will be the B2's first appearance in Britain.

During its one-hour stay, the B2 will be inspected by the Duke of Kent, a keen aviation enthusiast. The Stealth planes will be among hundreds on display either in the air or on the ground at the two-day event, which is the world biggest airshow.



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Internet blows cover of anti-Semitic groups

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

THE eagerness of extremists to embrace the Internet has given the authorities valuable new intelligence about their activities, according to a report published today.

The number of anti-Semitic incidents fell in nearly every country in 1996, with Britain experiencing its third fall in driven far-Right groups to use the Internet to seek support around the world, exposing themselves to scutiny. Anti-semitism World Report 1997

The Internet has been of very specific use in official action against extremists," says the report, published by the Institute for Jewish Policy Research. "Although extremists attempt to disguise some of their traffic, they do have a marked tendency to expose themselves - after all, they want to be a mass movement and if they are using the Internet for that purpose they

A hacker succeeded in wiping out a web site in Australia that was dedicated to ex-pounding Holocaust denial. Other hackers have deleted racist material after scaling "fire walls" erected to protect sites. "If battles with extremists are fought out on the Net rather than in the streets, that constitutes an interesting development," the report says.

Mike Whine, defence expert of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said the Internet had allowed the board to learn that British Nazi individuals and eroups were seeking contacts across Eastern Europe and that a small number had made contact with violent American groups. There have been specific examples of British Nazis seeking manuals on terrorism from American groups," Mr

Whine said. "The police are, on the one hand, very worried about terrorists and neo-Nazis communicating on the Net

information they were previously unable to obtain." The report says that manifestations of anti-Semitism are declining around the world. "Anti-Semitism does not resonate with significant sections of the public in the way it once did and it cannot be used to mobilise anything other than

small, extremist fringe

but, on the other hand, are

pleased at being able to access

Antony Lerman, director of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research and editor of the report, added: "The generations who have grown up in a postwar world do not encounter Jews as being very different from themselves, if they encounter them at all. There is to some degree a benign

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Poussin's Temps Calme was sold by private treaty

bought for £16 million.

The delay is to let a British institution match the price. If nobody comes forward in three months, the Getty can take the landscape. But the National Galleries of Scotland are believed to be keen to acquire it.

John Walsh, the Getty director, said yesterday: "We are amazed and dismayed by the length of the deferral period. We purchased the painting in March and made an

bly for a further nine. In other words. almost 16 months could elapse before we know the outcome of our application.

"I believe this is an imposition that is unprecedented and certainly disproportionate to the standing of the painting, which is far from being the finest by Poussin in British public or private collections."

In 1994 the museum was prevented from buying Canova's The Three

for the Getty over the way that export

rules were seemingly manipulated. Temps Calme, a 1650s imaginary scene by the 17th-century French master featuring a shepherd watching his flock, was sold by private treaty by the trustees of Sudeley Castle. Gloucestershire. The Getty said that, with the exception of a couple of loans, the painting had hong hidden from public view in Sudeley's private apartments. At the to leave. It has been here and relatively unseen."

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The Department of Culture, Media and Sport would not confirm the export delay but said that a statement was likely in a few days.

Britain has 29 paintings by Poussin in public art galleries and 19 in private collections. Any attempt to buy this example would require help from the National Lottery and partnership funding. The trustees of Sudeley Castle, which dates back to

from a collection that includes Rubens, Reynolds and Ruysdael. In 1990, Constable's The Lock was sold for £10.78 million to the Thyssen Foundation in Lugano.

The castle is home to Henry Dent-Brocklehurst, a friend of the actress Elizabeth Hurley and the godson of Camilla Parker Bowles. He has been described as Britain's richest and most eligible bachelor: reports sug-

Hong Kong tourist lost for words over Gaelic

By ALIDREY MAGEE

A HONG KÖNG policeman who learnt Gaelic for a holiday to Ireland was disappointed to discover that almost nobody he met spoke the

language.
Po Pui-Tak, 29; spent six months trilling over language tapes and books and practised on his arrival, he king. But after his arrival, he said, "I could not find anyone who speaks their own language daily. Whenever I spoke my little Irish, everyone told me no one speaks Irish any

Mr Po became enthrailed with Ireland after meeting a senior inspector of Irish extraction. The officer was born in Hong Kong but learnt. Gaelic as a child from his parents and speaks only Gaelic to his own children:

Gaelic to his own children:
Only 4 per cent of the 3.6
million people in the Republic
are native Irish speakers, most
of who live along the west
coast. About 11 per cent of the
population is believed to speak
the language regularly. Gaelic is obligatory throughout
school.

Mr Po wrote representully to yesterday's Trish Times: "We fin Hong Kong can speak English, but it is a foreigner's language, even can promise you, in 150 years

Kenwood House brings Botticelli out of hiding

EXQUISITE Madonna and Child by Botticelli, the 15th-century Italian master best known for the Birth of Venus in Florence, is among 15 stunning Old Master paintings that are being lent to Kenwood House in London.

Seven of them, including the Botticelli, have not been seen in public for four decades, having been hidden away in a private collection.

These are jewel-like paintings of the early Renaissance.
They include Portrait of a
Man in a Black Cap by Hans
Memling, master of devotional imagery. Madonna and Child by Dieric Bouts, re-vered for his treatment of light and colour, and Saint Anthony Abbot presenting a Donor to the Madonna and

Child by Paris Bordone



The Memling portrait on loan to Kenwood

whose work was inspired by Titian and Giorgione. They were last exhibited in 1957 in Manchester by Sir Thomas Barlow, a connoisseur and collector, and have been in the

family's possession ever since. lan Dejardin, senior curator of collections for English Heritage at Kenwood, said: "Last year a lot of the loans set up in the 1970s and 1980s were recalled, simply as the owners wanted them back. Just as things were leaving, I was contacted by three separate owners offering paintings— the most remarkable of which was the Botticelli."

ber of the Barlow family had gone to Kenwood in Hampstead on an assignment as a freelance photographer. He was "bowled over by the place" and asked whether Kenwood was interested in a loan of some of his paintings. Mr Dejardin expressed guarded enthusiasm in case he was offering "a portrait of his old granny". "But the photographer said: 'Oh no, it's a Botticelli and a

He explained that a mem-

Memling ... I was totally flabbergasted, I thought it might be 'school of' or 'attributed to' and asked for more details. What came through go on view today.



The Botticelli that will be on show at Kenwood House, north London, from today

Common cold offers new cure



THE news from America that there is a novel treatment for cancer of the prostate which utilises a virus that destroys cancer cells while leaving others unaffected will reassure the

friend I met at my club. My friend, a youthful 52. gave me a smile and offered me a drink. "We are celebrating tonight. This is the last day of my radiotherapy," he said. Unusually 1 did not probe any further but my companion told me his story. He had recently noticed

some hesitancy when passing urine, he was getting up during the night and could no longer sit through a boardroom meeting or film without a dash to the cloakroom. Blood tests had shown that he had raised prostatespecific antigen (PSA). A decision was taken for a course of radiotherapy. Nobody had warned him

that the radiotherapy directed at his prostate would not only shrivel the malignant cells but burn and inflame the adjacent tissue, including his rectum and lower

over. He hoped the cancer

had been eradicated and that from now on his lower guts would become less painful. There is no perfect treatment for cancer of the prostate. Surgery on a very early tuniour may remove the disease but it too frequently results in incontinence, retrugrade emission and impotence. Chemotherapy causes

feminisation and impotence. This week American research workers announced that they had found that a common cold virus can attack, and destroy, the cells confined to the prostate, and produce PSA. When the virus was injected into a mouse with the human-type prostate cancer the malignant cells started to shrivel within five weeks, and in many cases the cancer disappeared entirely. Mice and men behave very differently but successful trials on humans could make a commercial preparation available in under five years — possibly just in time to help my friend if the radiotherapy had not

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By POLLY NEWTON

THE former Tory MP Neil

Hamilton delivered a detailed

written denial yesterday of

cash-for-questions accusations

made against him by Sir-

Gordon Downey, the Parlia-

mentary Commissioner for

he was the victim of a miscar-

riage of justice and urged the

Select Committee on Stan-

dards and Privileges to reject

the findings of Sir Gordon's

900-page report, which con-cluded that there was "compel-

ling" evidence that he had

taken money from Mohamed

Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, in return for lobby-

in a 37-page response that

he brought to Westminster

yesterday for consideration by

the committee, Mr Hamilton, a former Trade Minister, says:

I believe that the procedures

employed in the inquiry fell

well short of those which an

accused person in this country

is entitled to expect of a fair

trial on charges of such gravi-

The evidence upon which

Sir Gordon's conclusion is

based is almost entirely inad-

ing services.

Mr Hamilton claimed that

Straw: confirmation

Cabinet opts for regional list PR

By JAMES LANDALE

THE British public will vote for party lists rather than individual candidates for the first time on a national basis in the European elections in 1999, the Government confirmed vesterday.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said that the Cabinet had decided to scrap the first-past-the-post system for the election and that MEPs would be chosen under a type of proportional representation known as the regional list

At present, each Euroconstituency sends one MEP to Strasbourg. Under the new procedure, the country will be divided into larger constituencies. each to be represented by a number of MEPs.

The number of MEPs elected for each party will be in rough proportion to their share of the vote in each region. The system is intended to allow the parties fairer representation. Independent candidates will still be able to stand.

The change was agreed at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. Further details of how the system will work will be announced later. There are several types of regional list system and Mr Straw said that the Government had not yet decided which one to use.

The system will apply to England, Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland will continue to use the single transferable vote system adopted in 1979.

Tories back plan for London mayor Hamilton gives MPs

Alexandra Frean on a policy shift that offers a chance of power and prestige to flamboyant former MPs

long-held opposition to the idea of having an elected mayor for London yesterday, clearing the way for some of the party's most colourful characters to stand. Among the senior Tories

who have shown an interest in what will be a powerful and prestigious position are Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, the former Tranport Minister Steven Norris and the former Heritage Secretary David Mellor.

A Tory victory in the election, expected to be held in May 2000, would boister the party's opposition to the Government just two years before the next general election. The policy change also puts the Tories more in line with what Londoners want: the creation of a metropolitan authority for London has consistently been supported by up to 80 per cent of the public in opinion polls over the past decade.

But the Tories remain implaceably opposed to Labour's plan for a 32-strong elected strategic authority. Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Environment Secretary, said vesterday: "There is no way that we are going to support a Greater London

Sir Norman acknowledged

THE Tories abandoned their sented a change in Tory policy. The party has opposed the creation of an elected mayor for London ever since Margaret Thatcher disbanded the Greater London Council in

> "It is fair for people to say that we have come to this late." he said. "We have listened to what people are saying."

He said that an elected mayor would give the capital a voice and lead efforts to secure investment and economic regeneration. "At present London is at an undoubted disadvantage. There is no publicly elected figure who can speak for the capital as a whole. It puts London at a disadvantage with other European and English cities."

Labour's plans for an authority, however, were bound to lead to more bureaucracy with huge potential for conflict between the mayor, the au-thority, the London boroughs and the proposed Regional Development Agency for London, Sir Norman said.

Those in favour of an elected authority for London argue that it is vital to provide a counterbalance to the powers of the mayor. Under the Tory proposals,

the mayor would work with a board of London borough council leaders, taking a lead







Potential candidates: Lord Archer, David Mellor and Steven Norris have all expressed an interest in the role

transport, traffic and environ-

mental protection. The Government is expected to publish a Green Paper on its proposals this month, followed soon by a White Paper. It hopes to hold a referendum next May to coincide with local government elections in London. Mayoral elections are pencilled in for spring 2000.

Sir Norman said he hoped that the referendum would ask separate questions on or and an elected authority. Lord Archer, a former depu-

ty party chairman, said: "I welcome the party's new attitude to a mayor for London. I have been pressing for this for some years, because it has become obvious that it's what the London people want."

If the Government's plans are supported in next year's referendum, the mayoral election is likely to be one of the most exciting political battles for years. The main political parties will have to decide whether to hold primary elections to decide who will be their candidate. It is likely that the mayor will be paid at least on a par with local authority chief executives. This will mean a salary of more than £100,000, much higher than that of a backbench MP.

Judging by the experience of countries with elected city mayors, such as the United States, the position is likely to be a high-profile one. According to Tony Travers, a local government expert at the London School of Economics, the mayors of New York and Scattle are so prominent that press coverage in Britain than all of the British council leaders put together.

The Japanese developers who own the former GLC building on the Thames are willing to make room for the mayor and the authority, but their offer seems unlikely to be accepted. Neither Labour nor the Tories will want to revive the spectre of the GLC under its radical left-wing leader. Ken Livingstone: Admiralty Arch, on the corner of Trafalgar Square, is widely thought

macy of being the elected representative of several million people. By

taking their new stance, the Tories

are also in a better position to expose

inconsistencies in Labour's proposals

- and to fight both the referendum

on the future government of London'

and the borough elections on the

same day next May. The new post is

quite a political prize, whose creation

the Tories would be daft to oppose if

they want to win the election for mayor in May 2000. Of course, the

Tories already have a candidate with

experience of running a cosmopoli-tan city of more six million people --

Chris Patten, whose approval ratings

as Governor of Hong Kong rivalled

missible, circumstantial or not independently corroborated." He says that, in view of the "catastrophic" personal and professional consequences of a guilty verdict, such charges ought not to be upheld unless proof reached the criminal standard of "beyond reason-Mr Hamilton apologises to the House for "errors of judg-

ment" in failing to register two commission payments and a consultancy for Strategy Net-work International. He also apologises for failing to declare hospitality from Mr Al Fasyed at the Paris Ritz, which he says was not a reward for

- The committee has received three other submissions from former MPs criticised by Sir Gordon and will consider them at a meeting on Tuesday.

IN PARLIAMENT

Astute move shows voters have been heard

THE Tories showed yesterday, for the first time, that they have begun to listen to the electorate. Their decision to accept the Government's proposal for an elected mayor for London is astute as well as right - especially since there are contradictions within Labour's policy and divisions within

the party.
Nothing symbolised the public's rejection of the Tories more than their rout in London, particularly in the outer suburbs. The party won just 11 seats in the capital, compared with 58 in 1987. Even after adjusting for boundary changes, this was a catas-trophe for the Tories, who did not seem in tune with the mood of London, particularly over healthcare and the Underground. Ever since the abolition of the Greater London Council II years ago, the Tories have nor had a coherent policy for the

capital. No one wants a return of the GLC, but there is overwhelming public and business support for a 'voice for London" and London-wide co-ordination in areas like transport. inward investment and promotion of the capital. Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Secretary for Environment, Tranport and the Regions, accepted yesterday that the absence of a publicly elected figure "who can speak for the capital as a whole puts London at a disadvantage with other

European and English cities".

Ministers were yesterday understandably crowing over the Tory conversion, but it is silly to talk of a U-turn. Such policy reviews and shifts are among the few advantages of Opposition, as Labour well knows. There are still questions about how far any mayor would be more than a super-booster for the capital under

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the Tory plan, and what his or her powers would be on transport and traffic. And the proposed board of borough council leaders looks pretty However, the Government has a

muddled approach, in part because different proposals have been piled on top of each other. Tony Blair supplemented Labour's long-stand-ing commitment to an elected strategic authority with his plan for an elected mayor. This has been backed by some prominent London MPs like Margaret Hodge though opposed by most Labour borough leaders. In addition, Labour has proposed setting up regional development agencies. Originally, these were just to be

outside London, but one is now she would undoubtedly be a very proposed for the capital, which prominent figure with all the legitiwould be in operation a year shead of the mayor and strategic body. This confusion is partly because of Labour's separate policymaking in Opposition on regional government and regional economic development.

Since the general election, Mr Blair and his advisers have taken the lead in drafting a consultative paper to be published later this month. The Prime Minister has rightly wanted a strong mayor with executive powers and a weak elected body. The latter was yesterday described by Nick Raynsford. Minister for London, as an assembly rather than a strategic authority. Meanwhile, the predominantly Labour-run boroughs are resisting any erosion of their role. The exact powers of the proposed mayor are still uncertain, but he or

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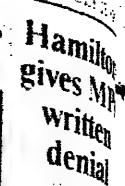
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Hamilto gives MP Blunder on Mir puts crew at risk written Blunder on Mir puts crew at risk

dark on blighted mission

By Robin Lodge in moscow and Nick Nuttall

THE blighted Mir Russian entist said yesterday that the space station suffered another mishap yesterday when a crew member accidentally disconnected a computer cable;

causing a power failure aboard the damaged complex and making a further delay to repairs almost invitable.

Mir was plunted into darkoness after the crew was ordered to closedown all but essential systems.

Last night cussian space officials said they had corrected a fault if the inflight computer. This was crucial if a planned repair mission is to

Russian and Nasa officials are due to decide at the weekend whither to proceed with the repair nission next week - with Midnael Foale, the British-born Us astronaut aboard Mir taking over the role of the commarder - or to abandon repairs until the arrival of a replacement crew next month.

A mission to reenter the Spektr research module, sealed off from the lest of the station after it was sunctured by a collision with an unmanned cargo craff on June was postponed cirlier this week after Commanier Vasili Tsibliyev, developed cardio-

situation on the space station

had become critical. Professor André Balogh of Imperial College London, former chairman of the European Space Agency's committee planning future space stations, said: What is happening now is the culmination of two or three weeks of

problems. The impression 1

get is that it is very serious." 6 If I was the mission controller I would give the order to

He feared that the damage to Mir meant the crew might be unable to evacuate the crippled ship if they delayed any

evacuate 🤊

"It might be that hatches won't open because there's no electricity to open them, and the life support systems and oxygen supply fail. The other problem is how long you can maintain communication with said. "If I was the mission controller I would give the order to evacuate."

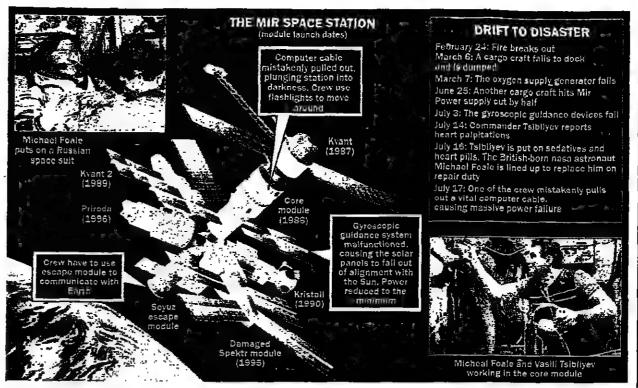
Alan Johnstone, of University College London's Mullard Space Science Laboratory. said yesterday: "There is cer-tainly a danger. The margins of salety are going down all

After yesterday's accident, the crewman immediately replaced the cable, which was connected to the station's "logic block computer system.

But the damage had been done. The fault caused a breakdown in the station's alignment system, which ensures that its solar panels are kept at the right angle to the Sun. Officials said that power fell to the bare minimum required to run the ship. Vladimir Solovyov, mission

control chief at the space centre just north of Moscow, described the problem as serious, but emphasised that the crew was in no danger and that there were no plans for an evacuation.

Today we had a very bad situation, serious trouble." he said. "It was human error, but anyone can make a mistake and we should not judge the crew too harshiy." It was not clear which member of the crew had made the error, but the officials said the fault had the crew aims to fit a new



been rectified and power was being restored. In the meantime, the complex was still twisting and pitching chaoti-cally. The situation is very unpleasant," Mr Solovyov

The alignment system has caused a number of problems since the collision, which led to the loss of about half of Mir's power supply. The crew can rectify matters by using the station's booster engines, but are anxious not to use up fuel.

Under the original plan, Dr Poale was to have waited on the capsule while his more

hatch door to the Spektr,

through it to the research

carrying out the repairs will

have to don bulky space suits

to enter the depressurised

module, leaving the third member on board the escape

capsule to enable a swift

evacuation if the mission goes

The two crew members

module's solar panels.

space suit before the repairs The past few months have seen a string of accidents and

leagues carried out the re-

pairs. If Nasa gives the go-

ahead, he will now begin

several days of training to get

accustomed to working in the

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mishaps aboard Mir. which has been manned permanently since its launch il years ago and is showing severe signs of wear and deterioration.

in February a small fire broke out and it took the crew

more routine. Space stress surfaced aboard Apollo 7 in

1968, the first flight after a

capsule had burned on the

ground, killing three astro-

nauts. Apollo 7's crew, under-

standably uptight, all caught

colds, a space first. Their commander, Wally Schirra,

not only groused copiously to

Houston but refused to com-

An 84-day Skylab flight provoked a rebellion in 1972.

The crew feil behind with

their heavy workload and

eventually made the unilater-

al decision to take a day's rest,

turning off their radios. "We

looked out the window and

Carr, the commander, who

also negotiated a new timeta-

ble allowing work to end at

Two years ago on Mir. two

cosmonauts balked at taking

their sixth space walk in two

months, complaining of fa-tigue. Mission control grudg-

ingly agreed. The last

Linenger, made little secret of

his relief when he came home

after four-and-a-half months.

Despite. Mir's growing chapter of accidents, both

Nasa and the Russian space

agency are keen not to give up and to keep it in orbit. One

reason is that dealing with

catastrophe is excellent train-

ing for future manned flights

aboard the international

space station due to be

eight in the evening.

plete scheduled tests.

has been exacerbated by the fact that the damaged Spektr

module had provided his sleeping quarters and housed all his personal belongings and experiments.

had to be dumped.

supply craft last week, he had had been forced to do without even a toothbrush.

The following month the auto-

matic docking system mal-

functioned and a supply craft

For Dr Foale, the situation

Rocket builder, page 18

Columbia returns in triumph

FROM MARCIA DUNN

THE space shuttle Columbia and its crew of seven returned to Earth in quiet triumph yesterday with a bounty of laboratory research on fire,

through a clear, flushed sky and touched down just after sunrise at Kennedy Space Centre after a lo-day journey.

He and his crew accomplished all their work and more during the second attempt at the science mission. The exercise was cut short in April after four days because of a faulty power generator. The follow-up mission, which blasted off on July I, cost Nasa between \$60 million (£35 million) and \$70 million.

from flames and grew spinach, clover and more than 700 protein crystals. The astrosealed chambers, 62 more than planned, and ignited the weakest flame ever — which flickered at 1-50th of the power of a birthday candle. (AP)

Until the arrival of the latest

metals and plants. Nasa's oldest shuttle soared

"Congratulations on a perfect mission," Mission Control said after Columbia rolled to a stop. "It's great to be up there and it's good to be back," replied James Halsell, the craft's commander.

The crew produced soot nauts started 206 small fires in

Guides call off strike at Eiffel **Tower**

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE Eiffel Tower reopened last night after an agreement was hammered out with workers who mounted a twoday strike over the sacking of an employee accused of manbandling tourists.

The guide, who was fired for allegedly shoving and berating an American holidaymaker, will cease working at the tower but the management agreed "to make efforts to find him new

He will also be paid two months salary and an additional lump sum in severance

pay. Christine Harvey, a bestselling American author, filed an official complaint last month claiming that she had been "physically abused" when she asked to stay on the first level after suffering from vertigo on her way to the next. Workers at the Eiffel Tow-

er said they believed their 60year-old colleague, who earns Fris.000 (£1,800) a month, was being removed by management to make way for a younger and cheaper

The 1,050ft high tower is the world's most popular paying tourist attraction, drawing almost six million visitors

In July up to 26.000 tourists visit the tower daily, and the two-day strike has cost the company an estimated Fr2 million as well as incalculable public relations damage.

The Eiffel Tower's 180 permanent employees have a reputation for militancy, and this week's dispute was not the first pitting them against the private firm which operates the building under a concession granted by the City of Paris.

Ticket collectors at the tower earn nearly Fr300,000 a year, while overseers carn

Last year workers mounted a five-day strike when their parking places beneath the handred yards away as a security measure. They also demanded a 35-hour and air-conditioned lifts.

During that confrontation a spokesman admitted: "We cannot even explain to the tourists what has happened as they would find our explanation incredible." The workings of the tower

have been successfully stymied by staff on various occasions during the build-ing's 108-year history, some-

During the Second World War, the tower was closed to the public and taken over by the Nazis as a radio post, but not before employees had sabotaged all the lifts, forcing the Germans to trudge up and down the iron stairs.

Litany of failure tests outer limits of endurance

IN WASHINGTON

STRESS and fatigie are in-creasingly seen as invaris on prolonged flights in space where yesterday a weary member of Mir's crw mistakenly pulled out a vial comput-

The problems of mental and physical exhaustion have been compounded by the daunting mechanical snags on Mir. which was built by the Russians to lat five years in orbit it has been there for II.

Following a White House briefing President Chinton

concerns in about Mir's seria fiascos. He declared that the rew had the latest problem under control immediate crisis.

When asked whether Nasa should end its paticipation in the Mir project Mr Chinton said: "It's too son for me to draw a conclusion." On Capi-tol Hill, though: a Bill, has already passed in the House calling on Nasato ensure that Mir meets or ecceds Ameri-can safety standards before sending any more astronauts. The Bill is pinding in the

In the past four years, the Americanshate paid the Russian space agency \$472 mil-lion (£282 million) to have astronauts of Mir. The hefty

is to recommend today that

three permanent seats on the

Council should be given to

change from the American

approach so fir which has been to extend the prospect of

permanent membership to Ja-

pan and Germany alone.

while rejecting such a possibil-

ity for non-indistrialised aspi-

rants from Asia Latin America and Africa Third

World countries as a result,

have obstructed proansion.

the American move is intended to win Third World backing

for the reform pioposals an-nounced on Weinesday by

According to UN diplomats,

This represents a significant

developing countries

Nations Security



by first-class service. The Russians have proved themselves competent engineers but clearly they are now strug-gling to hold Mir together long past its sell-by date.

The most important long-

term lessons to be learned from Mir's marathon mission may be about the impact of endurance on the body's frame and psyche. The this week by Vasili Tsibliyev is reckoned to be stressrelated — and who can blame

to have Security Council seats

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

Kofi Annan, the Secretary-

General. The proposals aim

for a leaner, more efficient

structure, although critics

have said that they fall well short of the radical shake-up

Although the US has not said which three countries

would be favoured, nor even

whether they would enjoy the

power of veto, it is understood

that one seat each would be

allocated to Asia, Latin Ameri-

ca and Africa. This would

accord with the formula pro-

posed in March by Razali

Ismail of Malaysia, the presi-

dent of the General Assembly.

tive", two industrialised coun-

tries - widely taken to refer to

Japan and Germany - and

Under the Ismail initia-

which the UN requires.

He left Earth on February 10 and since then has endured Mir's string of mishaps, start-ing with the fire on February 24 that shot out flames two feet long and filled the capsule with choking smoke. He has been blamed unofficially for caused a cargo ship to hit Mir during practice docking, puncturing the Spekir module and cutting Mir's electrical power by half.

 Commander Tsiblivev, who may by now have lost confidence in his abilities, is on

three developing countries would secure permanent membership. The Security

Council would, in addition,

get four more non-permanent

members, boosting its total strength to 24. The present

membership is 15, five of them

likely to meet with universal

approval. The battle to secure

the three new seats will be

Although India, Brazil and

South Africa are regarded as

the favourites, Argentina,

Mexico, Indonesia, Pakistan,

Egypt and Nigeria are expect-

ed to lobby hard for their own

candidatures.

The US initiative is not

sedatives and heart pills that will prevent him from taking part in repairs to Spektr. Yesterday Nasa gave the go-ahead for its British-born astronaut, Michael Foale, to begin preparations and training for the work. The Americans will delay giving him final clearance until they see how he manages with the unfamiliar Russian space

Getting testy and anxious in outer space has happened before, though no one has gone over the edge in the

in the science fiction film 2001: A Space Odyssey. An astronaut fought to disable Hal - as opposed to mistakenly unplugging it — when it started killing astronauts whose bodies had been suspended in time. In real life, the 24-hour

daustrophobia of space, where crew members have little privacy and sleep in spaces not much bigger than a drawer, will need to be factored into scientists' thinking as extended flights become

US wants developing nations | German police are accused of abusing foreign prisoners

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

GERMAN police have been accused by the Council of Europe's human rights committee of using excessive violence when making arrests and detaining foreigners.

The Convention for the Prevention of Torture, set up in 1987 to examine the treatment of people deprived of their liberty, reported that asylum seekers in particular had complained in Germany of being beaten and kicked.

In its report, presented in Strasbourg yesterday, the convention also expressed concern over the conditions in which detainees were kept in German prisons, police stations and detention centres. The critical findings come Leading article, page 21 only weeks after Amnesty

pattern.

International accused Gerrights to inform a family man police of systematically ill-treating foreigners, and said that much abuse was racially motivated. The hurights organisation, which first found evidence of maltreatment in 1995, concluded that incidents were not ties for detainees. isolated, and formed a

Amnesty also accused police officers of using excessive or unwarranted force in restraining or arresting people, and said detainees were subjected to cruel or inhumane treatment. Although the convention's

report found no evidence of this, it criticised a number of custodial authorities for depriving prisoners of their member or lawver of their detention and to see a doctor. Since its last visit in 1991, the committee said that German authorities had failed to act on its recommendations to improve access to third par-

A team of five lawyers, doctors and a judge, visited 15 detention centres, prisons and police stations in April, 1996. They were told by some inmates that, after being restrained on the floor, they were kicked and hit by police officers or guards with sticks. In two cases in Berlin, this was supported by medical evidence.

The Government has tried to play down the allegations.

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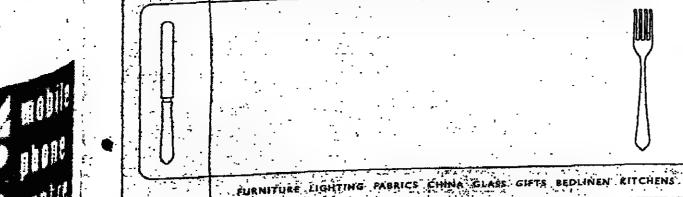
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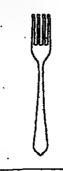
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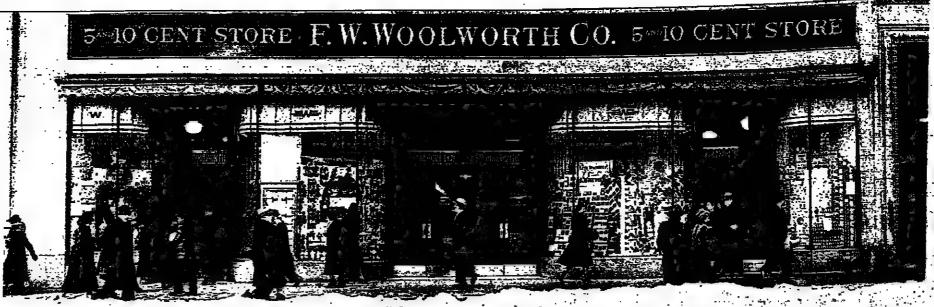




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The first Woolworth store, left, which opened in Lancaster, Pennslyvania, in 1879, and an expanded "Five and Dime" store of a type that became a byword for value for money across the US

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE LAST of the "five and dime" shops of F.W. Woolworth are to close after more than a century as a fixture of American life.

The company announced the end esterday for the familiar gold lettering on a red background above the shoofronts that guaranteed a reassuring assurtment of bargains inside, along with the inevitable lunch counter

It all began with a failure. Frank Winfield Woolworth had gone broke as a merchant in 1879 by trying to sell items for five cents. So the next year he took the big leap of adding gnods priced at 10 cents and never looked back.

His idea blossomed from his home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. across the United States and

around the world. Woolworth was hailed as a marketing genius for inventing a primary rule of modern mass retailing, volume sales of lowpriced goods, openly displayed. and modest profits.

As his chain grew, he bought up the entire output of many factories and stocked items that had never before sold for so little. He crowned his expanding

chain's success with the Woolworth

Building in New York, then the highest in the world at 792ft. At his death in 1919 he owned more than 1,000 stores. The boom continued between the wars and beyond. The peak was 1962 with 2,127 stores.

But in recent years, national discount stores, plus "category killers" such as Toys 'R' Us and the advent of suburban malls far from Woolworth's traditional city-centre locations have all cut drastically

into the firm's trade. The axe will fall on just over 400 Woolworth stores which last year reported an operating loss of \$37 million (£22.5 million) despite accounting for oneeighth of the company's sales of \$8 billion. The company intends to convert roughly 100 of the shops to its more profitable outlets, including Foot Locker athletic shoe shops and Champs sporting goods. The rest will be soid. They will leave a

many neighbourhoods. Roughly a quarter of the remaining Woolworth stores are in New York City. The British end of the chain was sold to Kingfisher in 1982. Woolworth said yesterday it will not be closing its stores in Canada, Germany and

Last year, Woolworth tried to reinvent the "five-and-dime" for-

home goods. The lunch counter became a coffee bar.

It was too late. The final irony came last March when Woolworth Corporation was dropped for Jones index of eading shares. Its place was taken by Wal-Marr Stores Inc. one of the discount



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Scientists find man-eating shark of 'Jaws' has no tooth for human flesh

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THE great white shark, cast as the man-eating villain in the film Jaws, does not actually like human flesh, American scientists have found.

Contrary to age-old mythology and modern Hollywood stereotype, the great white is a which contain more fat and energy than the average scrawny human body. Seals and sea lions, which offer up an oily plumpness, are far

more tempting.

A study conducted by Peter Klimley, Peter Lyle and Scot Anderson, biologists at the University of California's Marine Laboratory, shows that the great white - which grows up to 19 ft long almost never attacks humans knowingly. The scientists found that humans caught in

released immediately. The release was akin to unpalatable food being spat out. Since a shark can take up to

three days to digest its meal, cating a human can be a bore. According to Dr Klimley, "if they ingest something that's not energetically profitable, like a human being, they're stuck with that for a few days of slow digestion". According to estimates,

great whites carry out serious. attacks on people only four or five times a year worldwide. Unlike the portrayal in Jaws, with its lurid scenes of bloodstained seas, they kill only one person on average every year.

ly, however, to change perceptions of the shark overnight. The idea of a marauding moaster terrorising swimmers near crowded beaches is too deeply embedded in the There are few more chilling images, on screen or in the sea, than a darting shark fin. .

The shark's reputation for bloodlust rests on its rows of triangular teeth. Always visible in the wide-open mouth, the mere sight of them inspires cold terror. The "shark revisionists"

have to battle not only with the grisly phantasmagoria of the Hollywood shark — from Jaws to Captains Courageous, in which Spencer Tracy's lower body is savaged by the beast — they must also grapple with the force of

In Jules Yerne's Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, when Professor Aronnax was taken by Captain Nemo for a global submarine tour. the two men found themseives face-to-face with a great white on their underwater

walk. Liter, the professor related reports that fishermen had cut open the stomach of a great white and found a buffalo head, a whole calf and a sailor stil in uniform.

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- Whale campaign: A cam whales is captivity has been launched by conservationists who clain many are dying young beause of unnatural diets, stress and loneliness (Nick Nutall writes).

Campaigners are also calling on turists to boventt marine pake and on governments to lan the capture of wild whale and dolphins.

The claim is highlighted by five oreas captured earlier this year off southern Japan. Two, a young mile, and an adult pregnant female, have since died at Shirthama Adventure World."

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Britain is to pay £330,000 for new war crimes court

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN is to give the Inter-national Criminal Tribunal in The Hague £330,000 to create a second court to speed up the trials of Bosnian war crimes

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, also said yesterday that British forces would help. to make further arrests among the 75 people wanted for war crimes. "I certainly do not regard last week's operation as the end of the story," he

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A second courtroom could cut waiting times for trials by up to a year, he said, but the Dutch Government should not have to pay the full cost. Britain's grant was a response to the presiding judge's call for

more outside support. Britain will also consider giving more money to the International Criminal Tribunal on Rwanda, and Mr Cook called for a permanent inter-national Criminal Court.

He announced the measures at a meeting of nongovernmental organisations as part of a 12-point pro-

yesterday offered an olive

calling for basic political re-

forms after two weeks of

violent protests against his

government which left at least

But his offer to grant 6-

cences for political rallies immediately "in most cases".

was spurned by church lead-

ers and opposition MPs, who have demanded reform of the

colonial era Public Order Act.

They said last night they

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sa, the centre of Kenya's

ten people dead.

branch to opposition groups

gramme to put into practice the Government's commitment to human rights. These, he said, must be at the centre of British foreign policy. The information revolution meant that no one could now ignore, like Chamberlain, quarrels in

a far-away country.
This did not mean walking away from countries with a bad record. This may provide us with clean hands, but it is unlikely to provide their people with better rights." Apart from those regimes beyond rational persuasion, such as Iraq, more was achieved by engaging, wher-ever possible, in dialogue.

Mr Cook rejected as a selfserving excuse arguments that concern for human rights was a new form of cultural imperialism. "We are not seeking to impose some peculiarly British concept, but are inviting them to observe rights which have been universally recognised by the whole world."

Britain would not shrink

need for change in Kenya.

Hitting the ruling party in the

most," said an official of the

the National Convention Exec-

utive Council, the cross-party

coalition of religious and polit-

The Act, drawn up under

the British administration to

prevent pro-independence ral-

lies and the gathering of more

than nine people without a licence, has been used to crush

opposition campaigning over the past five years. In the past

have poured into the streets of

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT IN NAIROBI

PRESIDENT MOI of Kenya that the whole world sees the

the exploitation of children, with a grant of \$1 million (£59 million) to the International Labour Organisation. Cases of individual prisoners of conscience would be mentioned at meetings with relevant He also said Britain's mili-

the military Government,

tary training assistance would ensure foreign troops were made more sensitive to hu-Mr Cook said the Govern-

ment could not act alone. British companies should en-sure justice in global operations, and media corporations could support foreign journal-ists trying to create free media. "I have not disguised the

difficulties we face nor the limits to what we can achieve." he said. "I ask those who criticise us what they are doing to help us achieve our objectives."

John Lloyd, page 20



focus on human rights



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Saga of adultery, murder and suicide among rural elite grips French readers

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PARIS police this week uncovered a bizarre tale of adultery, murder and suicide within the French aristocracy that might have sprung from the pages of an old-fashioned

Last Saturday the body of Philippe Brelot, 43, was discovered in the Bois de Bellevoe near la Châtre in central France. A passionate huntsman, Breiot had shot himself with a hunting rifle.

Investigators initially sus-Grossouvre, a senior adviser to the late President Mitteroffice in the Elysèe Palace in

another apparent suicide. Within hours police had linked the death of Breiot to the murder of his childhood friend, Henri Pignot, a philos-ophy teacher who had been shot dead outside his Paris flat on Friday night, just a few hours before Brelot killed

The double killing, police believe, was a classic crime passionnel with, in the words of Le Parisien newspaper, "a motive as old as the history of

humanity". affair with Marie-France Police say that Brelot, appar-

ently driven to violence by his wife's infidelity, had driven to

Paris from his home, the ancient Château de Veurdre,

a note. The murderer and his victim, born in the same year and into the same upper-class rural society, had been close friends from infancy. They attended the same school and often hunted deer together in the forests around la Châtre. where Brelot kept a pack of 50 staehounds.

say Brelot killed Pignot with

a single shot to the head.

drove 150 miles back to the

Bois de Bellevue to a spot

near one of his favourite

hunting grounds and then

killed himself without leaving

childhood friend. Marie-France de Grossouvre. younger daughter of the powBut mystery still surrounds the death of Mme Brelot's father. De Grossouvre, another keen huntsman and master of the presidential hunt, was officially declared to have committed suicide on April 7, 1994. There have been repeated allegations that he may have been pressurised into killing himself, or even murdered. In a recent book Captain Paul Barril, a former agent in the Elysee's anti-

him: "Paul, they are going to gun me down. I know every-thing now."

erful Mitterrand aide. The

couple had three children.

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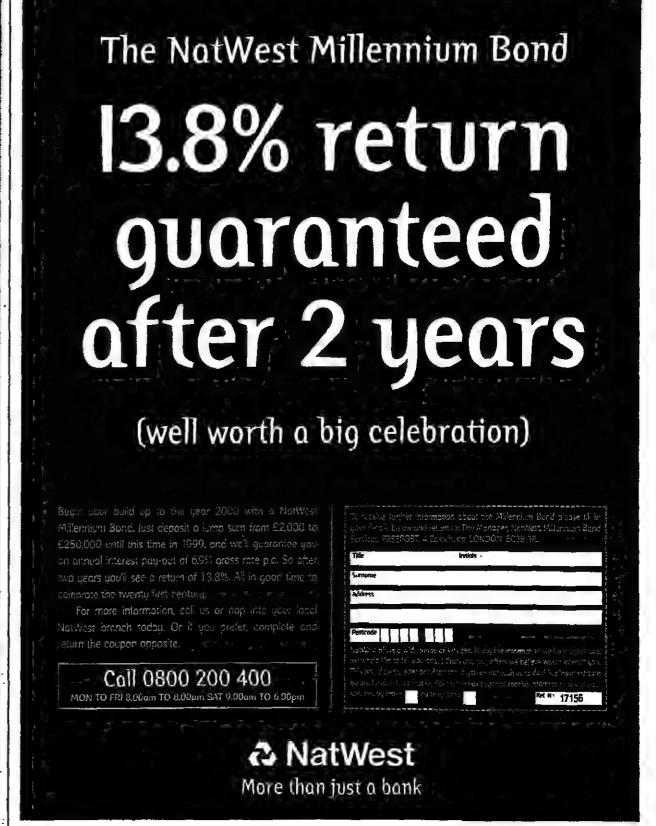
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India has first Untouchable president

Triumph is likely to intensify outcastes' fight for their rights

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA, its lowest castes incenturies of repression, has its marks one of the most significant triumphs for the nation's millions of outcastes since Bhimrao Ambedkar rose to become principal author of the Indian Constitution in 1950.

Narayanan, 76, replaces Shankar Dayal Sharma, a Brahmin, the highest caste. The accession of a member of the lowest orders to arguably the most important post in the country will further embolden Untouchables - now commonly called Dalits, or the oppressed - to assert themselves and claim long denied rights granted both by law and the Constitution.

This is likely to hasten a caste revolution that is under way across much of the northern Hindi heartland, with low castes claiming political power and exacting revenge on their caste superiors. The changes are especially radical in Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state with 120 million people. It has launched a virtual caste war under the leadership of Mayawati, the Chief Minister, who is an Untouchable.

She has jailed 10,000 people for allegedly violating a law that bans discrimination against Dalits and members of tribes. High-caste government officials have been demoted, to be replaced by illqualified Dalits enjoying their first taste of high-level bureaucratic power and evidently. using it with abandon to repay

There are tensions with the state's agrarian castes, princidespise the Untouchables. forcing them to live separately and often to draw water from separate village wells. Dalits are sometimes told to remove their sandals when walking through higher-caste sections of villages, and grooms are frequently banned from obriding to their weddings on

Mr Narayanan, chosen by an electoral college, polled an unprecedented 956,290 votes, compared with his rival, T.N. Seshan, an outspoken former Chief Election Commissioner, who received just party political backer was the extremist right-wing Hindu organisation. Shiv Sena. Mr Seshan's loathing of

politicians struck a chord with the nation but ensured his unpopularity across most of the political spectrum. He said in the opening words of his book. The Degeneration of India: "The decline of politics and politicians in India is visible, visceral and violent."

The presidency has become far more than a symbolic post since the end of the Gandhi-Nehru dynasty left India in almost ceaseless political turmoil. Presidents now find themselves in the centre of events, with the power to make or unmake prime Mr Narayanan will move

into the most magnificent building left by the Raj -Rashtrapathi Bhavan, the presidential palace formally occupied by the viceroy. His election comes after a week of severe caste tensions. Bombay was all but shut down last weekend when Dalits went on the rampage after discovering that a statue of Ambedkar had been "desecrated" with a garland of old sandals. Police killed several Dalits by firing into crowds of rioters, further inflaming the mood. Mr Naravanan, a former

career diplomat and member of the Indian Foreign Service. has been associated with the Congress Party, although the His wife, Usha, born and raised in Burma, is a social

☐ Chandigarh: Three Sikh separatists were arrested last and Pakistan. (AP)



Delhi police use water cannon to break up a mass protest yesterday against the killing of 12 Untouchables by police in Bombay last week



Elusive bandit king tapes his terms for surrender

INDIA'S longest and most fiasco of bungling and amazing escapes, has yielded its most promising result a taperecorded message from the brigand Veerappan, offering

He is the Houdini of southern India, dodging even the immense might of the Border Security Force when they were deployed to catch him three years ago. Police and soldiers slaughtered suspect-ed gang members, and he replied with a string of atrocBy Christopher Thomas

from village to village distributing largesse to avoid being turned in. His gang has been reduced to four or live men. who must know the end is nearing. Villagers say he cuts a splendid figure: tail, a bandolier slung across his right shoulder, a rifle across the other, and his eight-inch

India's poor adore bandits who take on the authorities, name — is the stuff of legends. He has been a criminal for decades but came to promi-

buge illegal industry felling sandal-wood trees and amuggling the wood to buyers across the country. Sandalwood is traditionally used for the cremations of the wealthy, and is immensely expensive.

Vetrappan was also en-gaged in slaughtering ele-phants for ivory. He is credited with killing nearly 600 of them.

Three years ago when he offered to surrender in exchange for several billion rupees, his offer was ignored. This time his demands, sent on a cassette to J.H. Patel, Chief Minister of Karnataka,

Saddam warns of deadlock over UN sanctions

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein yesterday served notice that Baghdad may no longer co-operate with the United Nations unless the Security Council lifts all sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Ku-

wait seven years ago.
Iraq had honoured its obligations and it was the UN's turn to reciprocate, he said in a three-hour televised address to the nation marking the 29th anniversary of the revolution that brought his Baath Party

Diplomats took the warning seriously and said there could be a possible confrontation in October when UN weapons inspectors report again on Iraqi compliance. Sanctions cannot be lifted until they confirm Iraq's weapons of mass destruction have been dismantled. There is no sign Baghdad can expect a clean bill of health. Saddam could retaliate by expelling weapons inspectors, violating the flight embargo on fraq or defying the American-policed no-fly

zones over the north and south of his country, diplomats said. "Iraq has fulfilled its obliga-tions and it is unacceptable that the Security Council should not acknowledge these sacrifices of Iraq and in turn fulfil is obligations by lifting the embargo completely," Saddam said. Otherwise, he added, relations between Iraq and the UN Special Commission charged with ridding Iraq of its deadliest weapons could "reach a deadlock".

An Iraqi analyst in Jordan. who is not a member of any opposition group, described Saddam's tone as ominous. This is very serious. Saddam's strategy has been to build up his people's hopes in the last quarter of this year," he said. "To help, he dangled lucrative oil deals before Russia. China and France to get their support at the Security Council. But far from seeing the embargo eased, Iraq was last month on the wrong end of a new further sanctions unless sensi-



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Suspect toured gay clubs hours before murder of Versace

IN SOUTH BEACH, MIAM!

ANDREW CUNANAN, the homo-sexual gigolo hunted in the killing of Gianni Versace, was casually cruis-ing the gay clubs of Miami's South Beach house before he is alleged to Beach hours before he is alleged to have killed the fashion designer. Police last night were viewing video-camera footage from Twist, a

gay nightclub frequented by Versace and the scene at which Cunanan was spotted in the early hours of Tuesday. In its fey attention to detail, the gay community here appears to have chanced upon a distinctive feature that may help hundreds of police and FBI agents in their search for the human chameleon who for months has eluded capture: his thick, bushy

eyebrows. It had taken John Roberts, the chub's manager, until late on the might of the murder to recognise the alleged killer on a television bulletin. "I suddenly realised he had definitely been in here in the early morning. Mr Roberts, 36, said. "No one knows what he looks like because he is always in a different disguise. But the eyebrows are always the same. I notice eyebrows and his to me seemed very Joan Crawford. They were the reason he looked so familiar

Frank Scatalini, another of the club's managers, believes he also saw Cunanan the previous Saturday and the FBI confirmed there had been



Video footage shows a suspect leaving the murder scene

reported sightings of the ZI-year-old on three separate nights at Twist. Versace, they said, had not been

Inside the club, Miami police were questioning patrons for further evidence that could lead to an arrest. Regulars, none of whom earlier had recognised their close brush with death, were racking their brains for a single memory. Police are consider-ing various motives for the spree of killings that has led FBI agents on a nationwide tour, from Minnesona to Chicago and New Jersey to Miami.

Cunanan, believed to be HIV positive, may have wanted to wreak evenge on the community in which he contracted Aids. At least one of the five murders now attributed to him was the shooting of a former lover. Versace was reported to have met

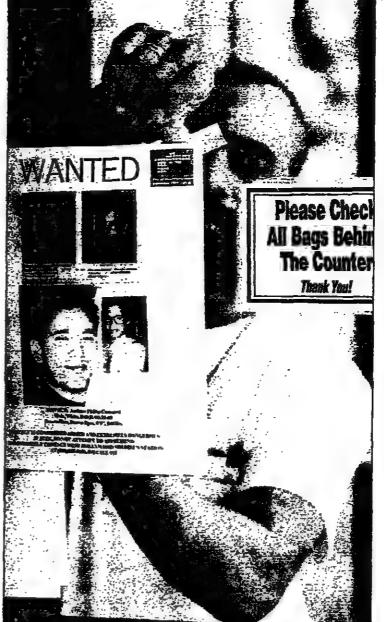
Cunanan in San Francisco years before the killer is alleged to have fired two shots at point-blank range into the back of his head outside his avish home.

Warren Holmes, a polygraph spe-cialist, said Versace may have rejected the sexual overtures of his killer. revenge that was tripped by Versace's rejection of him. Mr Holmes said.

The Versace murder may have

peen videotaped by a secret carnera behind the door of the mansion and the FBI have been investigating hundreds of apparent Cunanan sightings in and around Miami in the last two weeks. His cheque book and passport, seemingly left as deliberate calling cards, were discovered in the red Chevrolet van he had stolen from the last crime in New Jersey. The Box, a music television station, gave police surveillance tape from one of its studio cameras, pointing down the alley through which Cunanan apparently ran after

"This guy is very dangerous but he is nowhere near panicking," William Tafoya, a former FBI officer, said. "He walked away from the last murder, apparently feeling as though he had nothing to worry about. Just think of it: law enforcement officials up and down the coast are red-faced. He is getting a serious rush from all this attention. He's arrogant and manipulative. But more than anything, he's feeding his ego."



A store assistant in West Hollywood, California, sticks a wanted poster for Andrew Cunanan, the murder suspect, on his shop door

Internet spreads Cunanan details across America

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A GAY anti-violence group based in New York has taken the hunt for Andrew Cunanan

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into cyberspace.
The Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project is using the Internet to flood America with information on the alleged homosexual serial killer wanted for the murder of Gianni Versace. It has given detailed descriptions, photographs, ac-counts of his habits and interests, as well as warnings to homosexual men to avoid dangerous situations.

Chris Quinn, spokeswoman for the group, said: "We're using the Net to spread the word about him. We have blanketed the country with

The group has also helped to plaster the walls of New York's gay bars and gathering places with posters of Cunanan's face. The group believes that he has visited New York in the past, under the alias Andy Da Silva. His last visit was thought to have been late in May.

The Internet was buzzing

vesterday as gay groups and individuals exchanged information, fears and safety tips with each other across the

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's "Ten Most Wanted List" website took an estimated 20,000 "hits" yesterday as Net-surfers - both the curious and the frightened - visited the site to read about the suspect.

The site, which features nine other "most wanted" suspects, has a selection of photographs of Cunanan. which those with access to personal printers have printed out and distributed. Such prints were being handed out at entrances to gay bars across the city as grave-faced bounc-ers exhorted visitors to "take care now".

A number of Gianni Versace sites have mushroomed, numbering 19 at the last count. They include Internet obituaries, sentimental tributes, pictures of models wearing his fashions, photographs of Versace, as well as

newspaper reports. New York police gave warnings to Internet users of the danger that lurks in "Internet liaisons". Ever since its introduction, the Net has served as a seething bulletin board for homosexual contacts. Meetings and sexual encounters can be arranged with perfect strangers, who provide detailed descriptions

of themselves. A police spokesman said: "We caution people to take the utmost care. There can be no guarantee of safety in such encounters. Now. above all, is the time for prudence. You never know who you'll find at the end of an Internet

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British base is attacked as **Bosnian Serbs** vow revenge

FROM TOM WALKER IN SARAJEVO

attack as militant Bosnian cake," read one warning.

Serbs continue their intimida
The original Black Hand sonnel.

The crisis sparked by the SAS killing of Simo Drijaca, the suspected war criminal, has inflamed tension across Republika Srpska, where the state media's rhetoric now carries ugly echoes of the Bosnian war. Sinister underground resistance movements have sprung up, and some American international police have been withdrawn into the Bosnian federation.

The deterioration in relations with the Bosnian Serbs appears to have put a hold on operations to arrest more war crimes suspects, although French, British and American Nato sources all insist they believe more snatch operations must be staged.

Four explosions - three inside the perimeter and one outside - were reported early yesterday at a small Stabilisation Porce compound on the outskirts of Banja Luka, where about 100 British troops are stationed. "A couple of intruders were seen and a patrol shot at them, missing." said Major Chris Riley, a Nato spokesman in Sarajevo. They were just bangs, and there was no shrapnet. There was no danger." Major Riley said four "civilians" were later detained and handed to the Republika Srpska police.

Harassment of international soldiers and staff and explosions near their bases have become commonplace since the SAS snatch operations last week, and some form of organised resistance, fuelled by violent language on Radio Television Srpska, is growing. An organisation call-ing itself Crna Ruka (Black Hand) has distributed leaflets in Banja Luka, Doboj and Brokn, swearing revenge

A BRITISH troop base in against British troops. "The Banja Luka has come under LRA will look like a piece of

> working at the turn of the century, which provided inspiration, training and transport for Gavrilo Princip, assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. His shooting in Sarajevo led to events which sparked the First World War. Largely unheard of since the

end of that war, the Black Hand's ensignia — an arm holding the Serb flag, com-plete with skull and crossbones, knife, bomb and vial of poison - and its motto, Death or Unity", have resurfaced on leaflets attached to Stabilisation Force vehicles and handed to soldiers. One tract specifically mentioned the Vrbas gorge. Nato's main north-south axis with Banja Luka, as being off-limits for British troops.

No special travel warnings have been given to the British community in Republika Srpska, but the American Embassy in Sarajevo confirmed that some American policemen "had been reassigned for their own safety". A source said they had been moved from Visegrad, a hardline Serb town on the Drina river, after receiving

☐ Belgrade: Nikola Barovic, a prominent Belgrade lawyer. was seriously hurt when a bodyguard of Vojislav Seselj. the extreme nationalist leader. beat him up after a heated television debate.

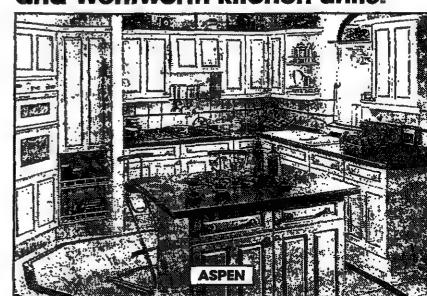
The programme had to be interrupted after Mr Seselj called Mr Barovic's late father a Croatian Fascist spy and Mr Barovic retorted that Mr Seselj's wife was a prostitute. The lawyer then threw a glassful of water at the politician. Mr Barovic said Mr Seselj's bodyguard kicked and punched him in the head. (AP)



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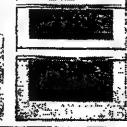


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Pupils with attitude

On the last day of term, students and staff at a school threatened with closure assess the future. Bill Frost reports

ermain Watson is a boy with ambition, ability and anger. He wants to be an architect, not an unemployment statistic, and says he has been betrayed by an education system which consigned him to a school named and shamed as among the 18 worst in the country.

The teenager's fury is shared by the brightest and the best at Kelsey Park in Bromley, which has until the beginning of next term to raise standards — or face closure. Pupils who care about their future fear the south London school's unenviable reputation will drag them down.

"When you tell people you go to Kelsey Park they jeer at you, think you are thick — it would be the same if you were looking for a job," says 13-year-old Jermain. "I am asking my mum to let me leave."

Richard Harknett, the headmaster, shares his pupils' anger. A relatively recent arrival, he had begun to rebuild the school's reputation before the threat of closure was made.

Mr Harknett was told in May that his school, like 17 others, had four months to shape up or close down. Inspectors will return to Kelsey Park in October.

"If progress has been made, we stay open. Should they conclude that the school is still failing, they can close us then and there," he says.

Headmaster of a school in Buckinghamshire before mov ing to Kelsey Park in April last year, he was under no illusions. "I knew what I was getting into." He has weeded out ruthlessly the teachers "unwilling to roll up their sleeves and turn this place around". More than 60 per cent of his staff will be leaving today at the end of term.

Some are going elsewhere, others haven't secured new jobs and the remainder are taking redundancy." he says. He is disarmingly frank about his school's shortcom-



"When you tell people you go to Kelsey Park they jeer at you, think you are thick — it would be the same if you were looking for a job," says one boy

ings: "I know that morale is low, bumping along the bot-tom. It is not very pleasant being described as a failing

If Mr Harknett were able to draw more of his 800 pupils from this affluent corner of outer Landon, the school's academic standards would inevitably improve. However his boys come from the borough's badlands - Anerley and Penge -- and from even meaner streets in Lewisham.

There is prejudice against

this school because we are not really part of the community and some of the boys don't do us any favours. They have been responsible for rowdiness and vandalism," he says.

At break, the boys scrap, smoke in the clump of trees at the edge of the playing field or knock a football about. A large group gathers around two pupils playing blackjack not for money though, mate, just for fun".

They all appear cheerful and there is none of the playground menace one might encounter closer to the centre of the canital. However, there is an undercurrent of suspicion and irritation.

"Come to make us look even worse have you," says one boy with a scowl. "Crap school, crap kids...that kind of stuff? "Well you've got it wrong. No matter what the papers say, Kelsey's not that bad. OK. some of the teachers couldn't care less - they swear and make racist remarks - but others are OK; they care about

us and we like them." "We've all been made out as thick," says another. "How would you feel if your kids were branded dim by people who don't even know them?" Tony Illingworth, head of

the English department, holds the attention of his class with a mixture of wit, enthusiasm and discipline. He is a popular teacher and the boys listen intentiv as he spells out again the rules of grammar. Jermain and his friend,

Chez Snagg, also 13, respect Mr Illingworth. Unlike other members of staff, "he cares". Mr Illingworth obviously does care - he wants his pupils to be prepared for the outside world when they begin the search for work. He is incensed at the closure threat

and the damage done to the

school's fragile morale. have just about domesticated my outrage, although it has been difficult. It is hardly surprising - on the day the school was named, the boys were met at the gates by reporters asking how it felt to thick kids at a sin-bin

school. "It was a really shameful decision to threaten Kelsey Park with closure. So much progress has been made and now recruitment of new teachers has been damaged and few parents would accept the school even as a second choice for their children."

He describes Jermain and Chez as "very gifted pupils just the sort of boys we need to mprove academic standards".

He is saddened but not surprised that they should want to leave.

Chez requires no prompting when he talks of Keisey Park's failings - he is articulate and has clearly considered his future. He says staying at the school with its peeling paint and bad reputation would bury any chance he has of achieving his ambition to become a lawyer.

"Mr Illingworth is great and so are some of the other teachers — they make lessons



Richard Harknett

interesting. But the majority of them are not really interested in us at all; they just want to get through the day. "And there's the abuse, too. I

was told that the only thing I could do when I left school was sell drugs.

"Why say that? My exam results are good, I am always in the top 2 per cent, I want to be educated and yet this person says that kind of thing... It is just because of my colour I suppose." It is hard not to share this

when he speaks of staff who tell a class to "read a book or something and remain quiet" until the lesson ends. "The school has no focus," says Chez. "We are here to learn and too many of the teachers are just wasting the day away - they lost their

exceptionally bright boy's an-

Insisting that "the green shoots of recovery" have al-ready appeared, Mr Harknett puts the boy's analysis in the

sense of purpose."

past tense. The worst is over

school around, he says. The negative publicity is very worrying, particularly when progress is being made. However, those teachers who are staying on, and the new recruits, will be here next term because they want to be here.

and his job now is to turn the

"It is galling that the school is at best a second choice or at worst a last option. That's why our reorganisation must be aimed at academic recovery."

His action plan will have a familiar ring to those educated in the Fifties and Sixties. He is introducing a house system. linking the pastoral and acaiemic elements".

Sixth-formers with prefect status will police the school and encourage pupils to feel part of Kelsey Park. "But perhaps the most important element is the commitment of the remaining core and the new intake," he says. Jermain dismisses the

reorganisation as too little, too late. "I don't believe that this school will give me the start in life I deserve. What sort of teachers would come here after hearing that the school is one of the worst in the country? Bringing in a house system is not going to change anything either. It will be the usual story—just as you get to know a teacher they will get stressed out and sick of Kelsey Park and leave."

Chez is even less optimistic. "I just want to leave. If you have been let down by teachers once why should you trust them again?

Perhaps the boys underestimate their head's determination, though Richard Harknett's obvious energy and reforming zeal have already moved mountains with academic results improving steadily since his arrival.

However, he is working against the clock. Should the inspectors decide that the school is beyond salvation, his efforts will have been in vain. He will be looking for a new post and his pupils' worst fears about the system will

From rocket builder to spaceman

Anjana Ahuja on Michael Foale, the man who would save Mir

build a rocket using a plastic bucket and a piece of corru-gated iron. Thirty-four years on, the British-born astronaut is floating 170 miles above Earth aboard the ailing Russian space station. Mir.

That Michael is on Mir at all owes much to chance. He was given a place only at the last minute, when another astronaut had to drop out because he was too tall to fit in the Soyuz escape capsule. Now the fate of Mir, which has been losing power since it was struck by a cargo ship a month ago, could rest with him. Next week the former Cambridge astrophysicist is expected to undertake one of the most perilous spacewalks ever, to reconnect power cables that were ripped out in the collision.

He is, no doubt, deriving great comfort from the last package to be sent from his retired parents, who live in Cambridge Air Commodore Colin Foale says "Michael does like his ten. We sent him Sainsbury's Red Label teabags and some chocolate."

According to Air Commodore Foale, Michael's quest to conquer space continued un-abated throughout childhood. After being rejected by the RAF because of a lazy eye, Michael decided to become an astronaut by taking the aca-demic route. After leaving King's School in Canterbury, he sailed through his Natural Science Tripos at Queens College, Cambridge, earning first class honours and a PhD in laboratory astrophysics from the Cavendish Laboratory. He also learnt to fly said

In 1982, armed with his deal nationality passport (his mother, Mary, is American), Michael flew to Houston, booked himself into a motel and turned up uninvited at the Johnson Space Centre where astronauts are rejected

e had picked the wrong time — there were no vacancies. But Nasa executives were so impressed that they recommended him to McDonnell company, with the provise that he return to Nasa as soon es a slot arose. Within a year Michael was on the Nasa payroll, and by 1986, he was on the astronaut training

His parents flew out to Houston soon afterwards. For the Foales, the visit was marked not only by a tense ride in "a helicopter straight out of M.A.S.H." eagerly pilot-ed by their son, but something much more profound - the Challenger disaster. Seven

istronauts perished. Air Commodore Foale tains vivid memories of that "Michael was out at work, and Mary and I were in the flat listening to some classical music. Then the programme was interrupted to bring news of Challenger. It was really awful. Michael knew the crew. It is one thing

hen Michael Foele to lose a stratile but to lose was six, he tried, astronomes was dreadful. But unsuccessfully, to Michael distart waste too much the with teat; he was soon applying his analytical mind to what went wrong."

Michael's talket related to toe deeply. He has experienced traffedly himself -- Michael's younger brother, Christopher, died aged 21 and he says, matter of factly: "It was always quite obvious that Michael was going to be involved with something risky. He's like me, in that we find physical and intellectual challenges stimulating. Preparing for them is almost as good as doing them."

When Michael and his

wife, Rhonda, a mineralogist who has now stopped working to look after their two children, Jenen and has, celebrate their tenth we anniversary on July 31, he wi

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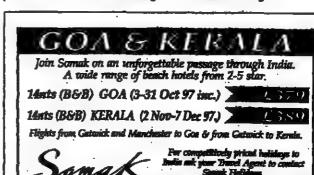
space, after Helen ground, but the first to have performed a spacewalk (to test

Yesterday Morning an e-mail from Michael arrived. Although the contents are officially setred, it was clear That would be awful because it would probably mean the end for Mir," he says.

The repair mission is demanding and dangerous two erew members must venture outside to reattach disconnected power cables, while the remaining astronaut waits in the Soyuz escape capsule. Fonle was to man the capsule before Vasily Tsibliyev, Mir's commander, developed an ir-regular heartbeat.

The proud Feeles, who also have a daughter, Susan, 35, were yesterday planning to spend the day with friends at an open-air staging of Macbeth. They have every faith in their saw: Air Commodore Foule says: "I was actually pleased when I heard Michaci might do it because I feel he'll do a better job. Mary and I don't worry about it - worry is a corrosive thing."









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lies a very different man - and a romance that lasted 22 years



Riccardo with then fiancée Ivana Trump, October 1994

al businessman. society jet-setter and the current husband of Ivana Trump. He has things to do. Knightsbridge office prompts a return phone call How are you?" I inquire. "I could be better," he replies with a strong Italian accent, a distinctly hang-dog tone and perhaps surprisingly for a man on the brink of an acrimonious divorce — a touch. of humour.

There are at the moment, many who would like to know how Riccardo is. America's National Enquirer, in particular, would like to inquire. It how she has already run two inflammatory stories this month, one When

stating that Ivana will file for divorce. by the end of Auhas already spent \$5 million on her. This tawdry game of tit-for-tat would

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doubtless have judge imposed a restraining order on the couple.

Riccardo is very sensitive about his perceived image as a Ivana in 1991, at a dinner at Claridge's. She was in the process of negotiating an enermous payout from her second husband Donald Trump (her first, brief marriage was to an Austrian). From the start, gossip columnists hinted that Riccardo was simply after her

They were engaged in October 1994, but the original June . 1995 wedding date was cancelled after Riccardo reportedly refused to sign the prenuptial agreement - more ammunition for those who thought him greedy. Finally he did sign and they married in November - but his reput-

ation was in tatters: Yet one has only to look at Riccardo's sumptnous Chelsea pad - he divides his time between London and New York - to see that this is a. man of considerable style and even more substance. The chandeliers, antique furniture .. stayed with Riccardo for 22 and swag curtains shout

Sadly, however, one tends to feel one knows a great deal about Donald Trump's Italian replacement even before he speaks a word. There are the effusive statements - "I hope to spend the rest of my life with this wonderful woman" (December 1991, just before their skiing holiday). There was the engagement party at Syon House, orchestrated by Liz

iccardo Mazzucch- PRs. The world's media were elfi is an internation- invited but Riccardo stood up and announced: "This is something very private; we are just having a few friends; there are only 130 seats." His nadir was perhaps the 1995 charity ball when he followed Jeremy Beadle's injunction to stand on a chair and dropped his trousers in front of the Duchess of York. But above all, he married Ivana Trump. What kind of man does that?

> One recalls him reading the newspapers and asking: "What does vulgar mean?" He had, apparently, no idea England.

Riccardo, however. he does indeed Tidolised sound like a talking medallion. He Riccardo, describes his business triumphs; but I didn't how he made his know what Italianate ramble. Yet he follows this was like'

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the type of person gone on, had not a Manhattan that believes that however differently people may behave today, a man may kiss but certainly cannot tell." He clearly feels that his honour is at stake and wants to make it plain that, gagging order or not, he is not the type to attack

> This is all very well, but even if we accept that Riccardo is a man of dignity, shamefully traduced by the media, what comes next is unexpected. Riccardo suddenly says: "I'm still very good friends with my first wife. We were together for 22 years." They have one son, and it was his only marriage

> o I decide to call Stella Metaxa (her maiden name) in Athens. What emerges, to my surprise, is a rather moving love story. Stella turns out to be an intelligent, humorous and down-to-earth woman. What's more, she speaks perfect English, having been sent to a Surrey boarding school by her father, a Greek sea captain. The very fact that she years speaks volumes for him.

Sadly, it appears that it was Stella who ended the marriage, wanting to-move on to what she thought would be a better life. Then he met Ivana and fell in love. Now that relationship has crumbled. It is difficult not to perceive him as something of a little boy lost. A friend even describes him as "a lamb to the slaughter" in the relationship with Ivana - and frankly one can Brewer, the doyenne of society believe it, however bad his



The media said Riccardo Mazzucchelli was after Ivana Trump's money, but his friends say he is a genuine man

behaviour may have been at times. It is also significant that when I ask after his parents, he immediately tells me that they "are still together after 60 years". Marriage matters to

"Riccardo is a born provider," Stella begins. "Let me give you a few examples. I was 16 and staying in Italy on my way when I met him. He was 18, and going out with a girl who looked very much like Ivana -when I saw Ivana I immediately understood why he had liked her. Anyway, I fell head over heels in love with him and he with me.

"He was extremely goodlooking then and very protective. We wanted to marry but I was only 18, and thought my parents would not accept it, so we eloped to Zambia, where his father had taken on an engineering contract. One of the first things he said to me was 'You're not to take a cent out of your bank account. I wasn't especially wealthy any way but he was just determined to provide for me."

They spent around the first ten years of their marriage in Zambia, "He took over from his father. When his business took off he built a fantastic house, but at first it was

Riccardo was 24 when their only child Fedele, nicknamed Delhi, was born in 1966 in the

"Riccardo wanted a son very. very badly. Delhi was premature -- he was only 41b 13oz. Riccardo wasn't allowed in at the birth, but when he saw the baby he picked me up in his arms and whirled me round.

It was one of my best mo-

Grace Bradberry

ments." They went on to live in Uganda and Nigeria, and Delhi was sent to Millfield school in England. "Riccardo did all he could to see him. On one occasion he flew from Delhi's weekend exeat.

Throughout our marriage, he was a protector - to the point where I got annoyed."

ment, he bailed her out of a bad property deal.

ports, why did they split? Well, we married in our teens. 1'd never worked, I absolutely idolised Riccardo, and loved him very much, but having lived in Zambia. 1 didn't know what the outside world was like and I wanted to. Frankly, I don't really like what I see. I was better as I was. There's a still a lot of resnect between us. I explained to Riccardo, 'I still care for you. I love you very much as a friend, a companion, a brother even, but if we don't separate now it will go sour." There were no outside causes

behind the separation." They gained a legal separation around ten years ago, but didn't divorce until Riccardo wanted to marry Ivana. Stella her mother had a triple heart attack she returned to Greece. Their son married a Tokvoborn fashion executive, Naomi Miyashita, and in March 1996 they had a daughter, Katerina. But within a week of the birth Naomi was found to have cancer. She died in London a month before her daughter's first birthday. The family, including Riccardo, was there. It was the worst year of my life," says Stella.

Riccardo appeared to feel guilty that he was not more involved in looking after their granddaughter - she is in Athens with her father, grandmother and great-grandmother, who live a few doors from each other. But as Stella points out: Riccardo can't stop his

life and look after a grandchild." The man Stella describes is not at all the man whose antics have entertained the British ning he was so besotted with Ivana/ he gave the impression that he would be just a lamb lying there," she says, "But of course he is more domineering than that."

It seems rather a shame that Riccardo could not have stayed with Stella, and thus avoided the whole Ivana circus. "I don't want to draw comparisons." he says. But he can't help himself: "From 1966 to 1997, Stella has proven to be very composed. very loyal. We're good friends and sometimes that's more important than the love that comes and goes. A woman can feel for a man and after a while not feel as much . . . our rapport is tied with the past and with He agrees to send some

family pictures: Stella and Riccardo in Lusaka, Tanzania, Ibiza. Several of their son at different ages, including one flanked by his parents at his graduation. The first Rollswhole existence, a real man -







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Lest we forget: The Times printed Recessional - but not before Kipling had binned it

century ago at the end of the Great Queen's Diamond Jubilee, The Times published Recessional, which it had commissioned from Rudyard Kipling: "God of our fathers, known of old ..." This is one of the best-known poems in English, still bellowed at school founder's day celebrations, omitting the fourth verse. The poem marked the turn of the high tide of Empire. It also encapsulates paradoxes of Kipling's reput-ation and his relationship with The Times.

The paradox of Kipling's reputation: before Recessional he was a popular writer. But after it he became a controversial celebrity, the poet of Empire, accused of jingoism, snobbery and racism. Kipling was not the Poet Laureate, although he should have been instead of the bathetic Alfred Austin, whose official verses are still quoted for their unconscious humour. The rumour that Queen Victoria blocked Kipling's candidature because she was offended by his ballad The Widow at Windsor is tosh, based on a bogus letter. It is an irony of literary history that Recessional is the first bit of evidence for his jingoism. For it is a warning against imperial triumphalism.

The devil comes in the couplet. "Such boastings as the Gentiles use./Or lesser breeds without the Law." Apologists say that one should concentrate on the last three words. There is room for all within the law, which sees no breed which has accepted it as greater or lesser than unother.

The irony of the poem is that Kipling got writer's block over his Jubilee ode, not helped by frequent telegrams from the Editor screaming for copy. He found one line. "Lest we forget", echoing the glories of the English hymnal, and was playing with lines around the tune of Eternal Father. strong to save. Then, on July 16, 1897, his house guests at Rottingdean found crumpled sheets headed "After" in a wastepaper basket, and protested that they were too good to chuck away. Amendments were made "in council", including the repetition of "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet./ Lest we forget — lest we forget!" as a refrain. "Aunt Georgie" (Lady Burne-Jones, Kipling's maternal aunt) took a fresh copy of it up to London. And it appeared on July 17 on the middle page of The Times under a new title Recessional, and with an orotund paragraph of approval in the leading article.

Kipling's account of the business is as economical with the truth as the rest of his memoirs, written 40 years later. The paradox of Kipling's relationship with *The Times* was that until *Recessional* Kipling was on the best of terms with the old guard at the paper. We paid the infant prodigy the honour of a leading article when he arrived in England. And he gave us his "mor poems free "because for this kind of work I did not take payment".

After Recessional he became the eminent freelance from hell fussing obsessively about commas and layout, publication dates and payments, refusing to deliver copy and taking his work to rival newspapers. Kipling was traumatised by the Boer War and then the Great War. He formed the opinion that The Times had become a dangerously radical organ. This was a heroic effort of self-deception in the early years of the century.

The paradox of Recessional is that it

exhibits the best and the worst of Kipling. The first verse is in part "a splendid hymn speeding over the world". It is rich with his master Horace's metonymies (substituting an attribute for the thing itself, as in "pine and palm" and "valiant dust"). But it is more involved than most of Kipling's rattlingly fluent verse. It does include politically incorrect and offensive references to Gentiles, lesser breeds and heathen hearts. For Kipling did become racist about Jews, "Huns", Portuguese and "lesser breeds". There are also errors of syntax and logic. When he writes "Judge of the Nations, spare as yet", he fails to notice a contradiction. He should say

"spare us, even though we forget". Kipling was a great short story writer and a fine poet when on form. Loot is disgusting. He became a jingo and a prima donna. But he still wrote wonderfully about all races and classes and conditions of men. Recessional is a flawed masterpiece that marked a turning point for the Empire and Kipling. Thank goodness his guests rescued it from the bin.



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anoeists and swimmers learn that dangerous underwater currents can betray their presence in different ways. A troubled and choppy surface, for instance, may signal disturbance below. But not always. In some conditions a less obvious telltale will appear. The water's surface may appear fairly flat and unbroken but on closer study reveal tight little knots and swirls, like the rippling of a muscle. This is the most dangerous signal of all. Powerful currents, an agitation of real force, may lie beneath.

Next week the Government publishes its long-promised White Papers on devolution. The Scottish Referendum Bill (now in the Lords) was guillotined in the Commons: If MPs blinked, they missed it. So, apart from Scottish Questions (which has occurred only twice since the general election), the issue has barely surfaced. The Prime Minister hardly seems to have been troubled by tiand at his no Questions session.

For the political canocist, to watch Scottish Questions this Tuesday - the last before the referendum — was to see not the angry surface of an obvious maelstrom, but those characteristic tight, muscular little knots of tension which so reliably indicate vexation below. (I speak of the Government side alone: for the moment the Tories are irrelevant to the debate.) in brief, I have no sense of any settled consensus among and between either front or back benches on the government side, as to

where this thing is going.

Though Tories scotted, there was actually much sense in Tony Blair's assertions before the election that constitutional change should not be poked and snipped at but faced head-on, argued through in principle and set out openly beforehand. So often in Britain we make one small step because it seems the best thing at the time, only to discover that it leads somewhere we never thought we wanted to go. What is slipping through now is just what Mr Blair has said was so unwise: a refusal to come to grips with change; an unwillingness to ask ourselves what we want.

Where, then, is this going? I can put nne possible consequence: not the most important of the myriad consequences which may flow, nor one either to be feared or desired, but a "for example" just one - which intrigues me, which serves as a telling illustration of how strong these currents may prove, and A Scottish parliament would take over arts, sport — and public service broadcasting

which almost nobody seems to have noticed so far. When England and Scotland become two nations with two legislatures and two systems of administration, what case is there for the continued broadcasting supremacy of the BBC? Why not set up a separate Scottish Broadcasting Corporation?

Has anyone thought this through? Let me suggest the devolutionists' case as it must emerge, in all its force and logic. The argument for devolution is distinguished from the argument for independence by its reliance on the idea of "subsidiarity". This is a hideous expression but a clear and powerful philosophy. It

downwards all those which can be better or more popularly exercised at a devolved level. The White Papers on Scotland and Wales next week will help to clarify which these are. In

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Scotland's case, they are likely to include most of the present powers of the Scottish Office, and all matters under the purview of the Scottish Grand Committee. Scotland already has its own legal system and police forces, and many of the Home Secretary's functions will be transferred (though abortion is problematical). Health, education, local government and transport should be matters for a Scottish parliament. Even taxation will be able to be varied, within

limits, by that assembly. So can anyone tell me why a ministry called, until recently, "Heritage", and this week renamed "Culture, Media and Scort", will not be returned to the Scots? That Scottish heritage, culture, media and sport are concerns the Scots cunnot be trusted to administer strikes me as an assertion with which the Scottish National Party could have a great deal of fun; and not one which the Scottish Secretary. Donald Dewar, will wish to make.

What does the former Heritage, now Culture. Department do? It administers the arts. If a sense of nationhood means anything, it must surely involve a sense of shared culture. Why cannot Scotland take care of its own music, dance and

fine arts? What concern have English MPs in such matters? Heritage in its original sense, too — the care of listed buildings, ruins, monuments — already organised from Edinburgh, should be no concern of a London Cabinet. Art gal-leries and museums could not possibly remain under Westminster's control.

And the Culture Department administers the National Lottery. If the demand that a Scottish parliament take responsibility for the distribution of lottery grants in Scotland does not quickly prove irresistible, then my surname is McLeod. Culture (or Heritage) administers sport. It will be a

brave Chris Smith who tells the new Scotthe Scottish Premier League cannot be overseen in Scotland. Parliamentary questions on the Edinburgh Tattoo, or the Highland Games, to be put to an English Secretary of State in London? You must be joking.

And, finally, there is broadcasting Commercial broadcasting has already been devolved in its execution, so surely its supervision and regulation must be broken up too? Only the BBC remains partially undevolved. BBC Scotland exists already. This has tended to supplement rather than replace the BBC's "national" output. On television. BBCl and BBC2 in Scotland carry much that they do in England, but replace a good many programmes with their own. The BBC's five national radio channels are available nationwide, but in Scotland there is also the BBC's Radio Scotland. Conceptually, the structure is rather a mess — there being, for instance, no Radio England - but much of the BBC's ostensibly national output is noticeably Anglocentric Organisationally, the corporation remains very much that: a corporation, its operations scanered all over the United Kingdom but its power structure centralised and pyramidical. The buck stops in London. Why should it? Hot on the heels of the first wave of devolution must come calls

for a complete reorganisation of public

service broadcasting. It may be that an

in London to supervise the World Service and organise the production and sale of programmes; but why should London be pumping out five "national" radio channels and two television channels to Scotland, under the aegis of en-English Director-General, a London-based Board of Governors — and an Englishman called Culture Secretary and answerable to an overwhelmingly English Westminster Parliament? It is true that these include a measure of regional input, but as a "devolved" Scot I would call that a sop. The case for a Scottish Department of culture, media and sport, responsible to a Scottish parliament, and a Scottish broadcasting corporation with a Scottish directorgeneral who takes no orders from London, is perfectly unanswerable.

umbrella organisation needs to remain

Mr Dewar and Mr Blair, however, лаче в above conceded in the Scottish White Paper. Over the decade ahead stretches the miserable prospect of an unceasing ground-battle for strategic positions in public administration, with Westminster's troops in slow, uneven retreat.

ow I wish I were on the winning sidel As a Scottish nationalist, what speeches could I maket imagine the angry tirade on broadcasting, in an Edinburgh parliament, as MPs debate a motion demanding a nationwide campaign of non-payment of TV licences.

Mr Moderator, [if that is what they call himl if a nation is a nation, it must have a voice, or how is nationhood to be expressed? And what is a nation's voice if not heard in confident control of public service broadcasting? News, the arts. entertainment, sports reporting... it is through these that we speak to each other as a people. And are we now to be told that we may not speak direct, but through a filter held in London by an Englishman, answerable to another Englishman, answerable to an English Parliament? Prime Minister Blair [cries of "Sassenach!"] has already told us we are comparable to a parish council. Now his lickspittle Dewar [cries of "Uncle Tom!" tells us we are incapable of running a radio station (cries of shame!"]. How many more insults must we endure . . ? "

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Secretary to test us

Cook's high-minded policy is hard-headed

too, says John Lloyd

stepped up to the rostrum of the Foreign Office's Locarno Room and, in his customary precise and sardonic manner, carefully fashioned a rod for his own back.

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The rod was given a glitzy launch. It was introduced by Zeinab Badawi, who reads Channel 4 News, It was commended by Martin Bell. It was endorsed by Will Hutton of The Observer. Has any government initiative ever before been presented by a bright and beautiful. TV anchor, enthused over by an MP not from the government benches and approved on the spot by the Editor of a

national newspaper? Robin Cook's style inviting into the Foreign Office's gilded chambers a range of pressure groups, non-governmental isations, academics and media personalities — makes his the zamiest constellation in the Whitehall galaxy.

His theme was that human rights must be a central concern of foreign policy, that - to steal a phrase adopted by the Prime Minister when he was Leader of the Opposition - we are our brothers' keepers. Modern communica-tions and the omnipresence of the cameras mean we watch horrors from abroad nightly — and, says Cook, "the fact that we are witnesses in our sitting rooms to those events requires us to take responsibility for our reaction to such

gross breaches of human rights."

The word the Foreign Secretary used was "require." The road opened up by this word is full of grief. Leaders who promise to export goodness have rarely escaped mockery and disappointment. President Jimmy Carter's efforts to do so were widely seen to have failed: Henry Kissinger devoted large-parts of his book Diplomacy to a sustained attack on the battiness of seeking to make foreign policy beholden to an idealistic impulse.

Cook himself emphasised that human rights had been raised in public consciousness by the media. Chamberlain's famous dismissal of the prewar Czechoslovaks as "people of whom we know nothing" would, he said, now be impossible: "no country is too far away for us not to know instantly". But the media's attention is fickle -- now intense, now indifferent - and public attention follows suit.

Douglas Hurd, when he was Foreign Secretary, commented in some exas-peration on the many who, in their indignation at a particular tragedy, will have to try to answer it next week. argue in a way which implies that For unless I am mistaken, much which I Britain should take part in tackling have proposed above will. every wrong". But Mr Cook has see himself against this received, conserva-

> And what interests he is taking on! In seking to inject an ethical dimension into foreign policy, and in particular into the criteria used to issue licences for the export of arms (a review of which is still going on) he is courting the wrath of the defence and aerospace industry lobbies, which employ 500.000 people and export nearly £5 billion worth of weapons a year. The Scott inquiry into arms sales to Iraq showed our last Government willing to slide round its own rules to keep the contracts coming and the arms production lines moving. These pressures are real: Labour is hardly likely to be less sensitive to charges that it is destroying jobs than the Tories.

> Finally, the promulgation of high principle leaves low compromise ever vulnerable. From now on, every time the Foreign Office agrees to look the other way; to allow an arms contract to a ... government with a doubtful human. rights record; to laud a relationship with a state which oppresses, imprisons and tyrannises, Mr Cook will be in the hypocrite's dock. Remember what happened to John Major after he promulgated an era of family values? It seemed as if his Cabinet were composed solely of serial adulterers. Henceforth, British foreign policy can be represented as failing every test of moral probity.

Tet. to hear Mr Cook stand and say that the basic tenets of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights — the rights to life, liberty, the practice of religion, participation in government, freedom from torture and freedom of thought - were selfevident" and must be furthered was to feel that Government was taking a step towards proving itself worthwhile.

. To listen to a Foreign Secretary commit his Government to sanctions against states which grossly violate human rights; give warning that the criteria for arms exports would be tightened; promise that the exploitation of children would he actively opposed: give money to the International Criminal Court to enlarge its tribunal space to allow it to try war criminals more quickly and proclaim his support for a pluralistic media where it is threatened was to feel pride — a feeling not, I judge, confined to his own party's supporters. This country's leaders have, since the war, found it impossible to come up with a "certain idea of Britain". In part; at least, such a notion might be found in seeing our power - not yet negligible - used to advance rights which most would agree should be

available everywhere. . ' Cook is a canny, cunning and ambitious politician. But he is in politics for something: his ambition seems to include wishing to leave the world better than he found it. He ended his speech with a challenge to business, to the media and to the public to meet him on the terrain of putting our actions where. our rhetoric is. In the end, he has made a

rod for our backs too. And so he should: John Lloyd is associate editor of the New Statesman

Booked up

from the BBC have helped to persuade the Booker Prize management committee to move television coverage of their awards a peremony to Channel 4, where it will be produced under the tentacular aggis of Melvyn Bragg and

The BBC, which has televised the ceremony since 1987 having snaffled it from LWT, argued that Booker, a company with a multi-



"I can't decide between The Lost World and Camilla's party

least help with production costs. Its unprecedented demands meant that the show went to Channel 4. which not only offered a better allround presentation but was also happy to pay its own way. The format of the main ceremo-

ny is likely to stay the same dinner and prizegiving in Guildhall. Bragg, however, is said to have some ideas about "packagme" the whole event more jazzily. There will be a late-night discussion programme on Booker eveand a live hour-long programme based on the awards dinner. Other short programmes will be dotted around the schedule, including one allowing readers of the books to express their views.

"Melvyn Bragg has lots of ideas about projecting the event better," says an LWT spokesman. These involve lighting, the pace of the show and possibly the dress code. Will new Labour lounge suits replace the traditional black tie? That is definitely worth speculatng about," says Bragg's man.

• There is a new terror stalking the House of Commons known as Redwood-Lite. Walking like a mummy from a Hammer film. it

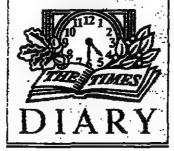
sneaks up behind Tory MPs. touches them on the arm and with a smile fixed as though with a coat-hanger tries to make smalltalk. "John was so glum after losing the leadership campaign." says one victim of his ice touch, that he is now trying to be more friendly and overdoing it."

Pianissimo

TECHNOLOGICAL advances have rendered Andrew Lloyd Webber's planos redundant. The composer is selling off three of his favourities, two Bluthner grands and a white Japanese number. On one of the Bluthners Lloyd Webber is said to have composed Cats and

Phantom of the Opera. The concert grand, estimated by Sotheby's at between £30,000 and \$50,000, is being disposed of in fayour of a less distinguished electronic Yamaha Clavinova. The reason, according to one close to Lloyd Webber, is that he can arrach his Yamaha to a computer.

 Not to be upstaged by the Prime Minister's wife, who accrued a £2,000 hairdressing bill during last month's G7 summit in Denver, Baroness Thatcher has been spotted with a new apricot hairrinse Once described by the National Hairdressers' Federation as



for British salons". Lady Thatcher has done her hair in innumerable shades of brown and vellow, culminating in a lemony blonde when she left office in 1990. "The Baroness visits a local hairdresser



in her Belgravia office. "Her colouring is strictly private."

several days a week." says a voice

Home alone

ONE face missing from Camilla Parker Bowles's 50th birthday party at Highgrove this evening will be Charles Benson, the portly London socialite, who stuck up for her on last month's Channel 5 documentary, Camilla, He will be sitting at home rather than partying with friends such as the Earl and Countess of Halifax, the Palmer-Tomkinsons, and even his wife, Carolyn Benson, the Prince of Wales's party organiser.

Benson defied Mrs Parker Bowles's plea not to co-operate with the documentary and agreed to be interviewed for money. Comments such as "She is no longer the witty, smiling personality that I knew so well . . . her friends have seen her go down and down" would have been irksome to his old friend. Speaking from his London home yesterday, Benson sounded glum: "I never expected to be invited, but I suppose most of my friends will be going."

Hunt over

BAD news for those men wanting to sling an arm round Her Ful-



Tara: not so lonely

ham Highness Tara Palmer-Tomkinson. In an interview in next month's Vogue, she says "Do you know, my life is so lonely? I just can't find a man who wants to settle down with me - I suppose they must find me terribly threatening." She has since found herself a man: Mike Strutt, grandson of one Lord Belper.

Strutt, a swarthy Old Etonian. has had careers as a motorcycle taxi driver, pop musician and football coach in Los Angeles. His circle overlaps with the polo/restaurant set from which T P-T has

chosen past boyfriends.

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THE TIMES

WHISPER WHO CARES

The UN has seen off this sort of 'quiet revolution' before

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, is the insider's insider. In principle, his long UN service gives him advantages. He knows, or should know, where the bodies are buried, where to expect most resistance to change and how best to circumvent opposition. The concomitant risk is of a "realism" that inhibits the imaginative reordering of priorities and methods that the UN needs. In the package of reforms Mr Annan has just unveiled, caution is too much in evidence.

Despite some real progress on management - most of which had already been put in train by the UN Secretariat's able ex-Price Waterhouse executive, Joseph Connor — Mr Annan's "quiet revolution" goes little further than institutional tinkering. Still more depressingly, some of his main proposals such as an "integrated development assistance framework", or unified UN offices at country level - have already been tried, in the "restructuring exercise" of 1977. They failed then to make the UN more effective, for reasons that still obtain.

Since the late 1940s, reforms have washed the UN as regularly as high tides - only to pile yet more debris onto its crowded beach. This is because each reform, guided by an obsession with "co-ordination", succeeded only in further complicating the bureaucratic machinery. UN organisations remain as "fragmented, duplicative, rigid, in some areas ineffective, in others superfluous" as Mr Annan complains. But the answer is not co-ordination. The UN is not a unified system and, apart from humanitarian emergencies where Mr Annan's co-ordinating zeal mysteriously falters, it is wasted effort to try to force it to act like one.

Because Mr Annan, who should know better, appears to share this misguided obsession, he has missed a valuable opportunity to strike a genuinely modern note. The UN needs to develop a culture of excellence in order to prosper in a competitive world. Mr Annan is on the right track in demanding that UN programmes should be judged by what they actually accomplish something that is, and should not be, a the considerable autonomy enjoyed by its

component organisations should be seen as an asset, freeing the best of them to innovate. If the UN is to meet the demands of 21stcentury global management, it faces a colossal task of adaptation. Even in its role as a forum to safeguard peace and the rule of law, act as a clearing-house for ideas and expand "the elements of common ground" between nations, the UN has a gap to bridge between the fossilised rhetoric of its debates and the pragmatic incrementalism of the world outside. It needs to recognise the utility of sub-universal approaches to prob-

lems, and to work with wider constituencies. When it comes to the "practical" mandates which consume most UN funds, its managers must learn the language of competition. in a world where the UN has long ceased to be a monopoly global provider, its various units will attract funds and political support only for indispensable functions, and only when they do things better than other bodies - inside and outside government.

The pity is that Mr Annan is aware of all this. He understands the important distinction between mere administrative efficiency - which could mean no more than a leaner version of what the UN has been doing for decades - and more effective provision of services that are genuinely in demand. He accepts that modern policymaking operates in a context that "puts a premium on agility and flexibility". He talks about focusing the UN on "those activities that it does better than others" - although he has not suggested shedding even the most obviously "superfluous" UN baggage. He wants to put the UN more in touch with business, voluntary agencies and other actors. But he also wants to do all this without making waves.

Western governments must take up the baton where Mr Annan has dropped it. They should learn from the Danes, who are already putting into practice genuinely radical ideas. It is no good waiting for the US, hobbled as it is by the prejudices of an exceptionally uninformed Congress. Mr Annan's heart may be in the right place. But the lesson of this week is that nothing will novelty. But he seems not to recognise that come of good intentions unless he finds forceful and influential allies.

AN AGE-OLD PROBLEM

The universal state pension should not be immune from reform

ment. Action taken now will not be appreciated for 20, 30 or 40 years, certainly too far in the future for today's politicians to be thanked. Yet any extra cost in the meantime is borne by taxpayers, employees and employers, who may not be grateful to be forced to save. So it is encouraging that the Govern-

ment is turning its mind to such a problem. In announcing their review of pensions, ministers are emphasising the one possibly vote-winning aspect of their plans. They want to find ways to ensure that a smaller proportion of pension contributions is eaten up in charges. Value for money, along with flexibility, affordability and security, is critical for potential pension-holders. The lack of it has deterred millions of employees from providing for their own retirement.

Even though Britain has more second pensions than any other European country, still 40 per cent of adults of working age plan to rely on state provision alone. Some, such as housewives, carers and the unemployed, have had nothing to contribute to a second pension. But there is a large tranche of lowpaid workers who find that nearly all their payments would be eaten up by costs.

Labour's plans for "stakeholder" pensions address the cost issue quite effectively. If employers or friendly societies or trade In unions banded together to offer a pension to a large group of employees, they would have lower marketing and administrative costs than personalised pensions, and they might be able to reduce regulatory costs too if they could win blanket approval for their product from the relevant authorities.

Moreover, they would be able to exert more competitive pressure on the investing

Pensions are as unrewarding for politicians institutions than any individual could. At the as they can be to elderly people in retire- moment someone in a personal pension, once signed up, is in no position to exercise any continuing pressure on costs. But a stakeholder scheme, like an occupational scheme, can threaten to move its entire business to another fund manager if it helieves that charges are too high.

More problematic are Labour's plans for a "citizenship" pension, aimed at those who spend their lives caring for children or elderly dependants. Should their husbands be allowed to pay into a pension for them, or would that benefit only rich housewives? Should they earn a credit for their unpaid work, to be put into a pension? That reward their contribution to the economy, but could be expensive for the taxpayer.

The question that Labour has not publicly addressed is that of the basic state pension. As pensioners become richer and live longer, the argument for paying the same rate to everybody has become ever thinner. The Tories recognised this before the election, and suffered for their sense: Labour attacked their "Basic Pension Plus" scheme with a dishonesty unsurpassed in the campaign.

But the rationale behind it remains. For many people with a second pension, the state contribution is only a small proportion of their income in retirement. Yet it is a huge cost to the public purse: £30 billion a year currently, and set to rise. Labour's manifesto promised only to retain the "basic state pension". The critical word "universal" did not precede it. In other words, the Government could decide to means-test the pension some time in the future; thus concentrating help on those who need it most. Tony Blair promised to think the unthinkable on social security. This would be a good place to start.

SHARON THE SHARK

Humans are more of a threat to sharks than they are to humans

In 1975 Jaws set the hearts of its audiences thumping to its theme tune: A piscine serial killer had been born - and with it a host of ever more improbable sequences. Box offices enjoyed a feeding-frenzy, while the maneating monster finned through its films, hoovering up holidaymakers as it went.

Now research from the University of California suggests that the film-makers' facts are as false as their rubber fishes. Scientific experiments show that the great white shark is a fastidious eater. The peckish predator finds human snacks about as appetising as stale Ryvita. It prefers the fatrich flesh of seals to bathing beach babes.

While we enjoy a mammalian complicity with the dolphin or whale, the shark is ostracised and misunderstood. The great white is one of the most mysterious creatures in the ocean. Survivor of more than 400 million years of evolution, it has eluded - or utterly ignored - human efforts to understand it. Imprisoned in an aquarium, it Falmost immediately dies. Some suspect that it may be one of the few creatures which we can never know. Yet, at the apex of the ocean food chain, it plays a vital role. Biologists suspect that the entire marine ecosystem would be unbalanced by its loss.

Big game fishers have pursued the great white towards the margins of extinction. Fortunately it has now been listed as an endangered species in South Africa and Australia. We have become more of a threat to this species than it is to us. Far more sharks are killed daily to supply fin soup to Chinese restaurants than people are attacked in a year.

Of course there are areas where surfers and divers run a real risk. A species such as the great white is known to "mouth" its prey before eating it: to catch it between its jaws to test it for palatability. Its serrated teeth are so sharp that even this is enough to sever tendons and bone. But technology is tackling this. The Protective Oceanic Device has recently been pioneered. It safeguards swimmers by encircling them with an electric field that even potentially lethal sharks appear unwilling to enter. Similar technology is being developed to fence off

bathing beaches. In the 19th century, Herman Melville saw the whale as a lethal leviathan. Now it is a Hollywood hero. Last year, children all over the world were sobbing at the plight of the poor imprisoned Willie. Now it is time for Sharon the Shark to take her starring role.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Changing climate on education

From Sir Claus Moser, FBA

Sir, I was glad that yesterday's leading article questioned the latest proposals emanating from Ofsted for grading teachers. My concern also relates to the wider issue.

One of the welcome aspects of the Government's education policies is a positive and encouraging attitude to the teaching profession. This has been evident in speeches by Mr Blair and Mr Blunkett and emerges in the Gov-ernment's White Paper on schools, The promised establishment of a General Teaching Council, proposed by the National Commission on Education, is particularly good news,

None of this means tolerating poor teachers or teaching. But it does mean putting such inadequacies in proportion. The emphasis in public statements and policies needs to be on the majority of teachers who do an excellent job, often under difficult financial circumstances and who deserve encouragement and support.

Mr Chris Woodhead, Chief Inspec tor of Schools, is well known for his critical comments on teachers. I had hoped that with a change in governmental emphasis he too might begin to focus on the positive side of the profession. This does not seem to be the case: the heading of your report (July 16) on his latest proposals was "Woodhead orders inspectors to write tougher reports on teachers".

The approach as well as quality of the inspectorate is a cause for worry. Its future, as well as that of the teaching profession, merits government attention.

Yours sincerely, CLAUS MOSER 3 Regent's Park Terrace, NWI.

From the Minister of State at the Department for Education and Employment

Sir, Your critics of our White Paper, Excellence in Schools (letters, July 14), come from different perspectives, but they all fail to acknowledge the real problems facing our schools today. The fact that some four in ten 11-yearolds are not able to reach the expected level in English or maths is a failure of the last Government, which both Lord Skidelsky and Katie Ivens supported. Its obsession with structural change in some schools led it to ignore the

very real deficiencies of the rest. It is odd that Lord Skidelsky attacks us for an "extension of state control" over schools, while Mrs Ivens maintains that we want to ensure that "little happens in schools except on the say-so of LEAs". Neither is the case. The model we present is one of targets - for which schools have the primary responsibility. However, it is not suffi-cient to assume that all schools will set sufficiently demanding targets. That is where both Ofsted inspections and

the new local education authority (which no longer controls schools) come in. But, our guiding principle is that intervention is in inverse proportion to success, so we seek to tackle failure and mediocrity and not to interfere with good schools. Dr Jean Lawrence wrongly fears

that setting (grouping within subjects according to ability) will stigmatise children. Setting operates in many schools already, and it succeeds in recognising the differing strengths and weaknesses of young people. How-ever, it is undoubtedly the case that poorly taught mixed ability classes have failed many children - and it is right to recognise that fact.

Our White Paper offers a systematic approach to educational standards, in which everyone has a clear role. For the first time in generations it offers all our young people the opportunity to succeed and to fulfil their potential. That it why it has been so widely wel-

Yours sincerely, STEPHEN BYERS, Department for Education and Employment, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, SWI.

From Professor Ivor Goodson

Sir, Whilst Lord Skidelsky raises some excellent questions about expanding state control of education, he asks whether good education for all should not "arise as a by-product of choice and competition". Apart from the fact that "by-products" might be a somewhat indirect route to national educational uplift, in general, choice and competition in the free market respond to the demands and commands of money - the more money. the more choices.

Since rich people tend to have more money than poor people, this strategy for providing good education for all seams a bit dodgy. Choice and competition might end up offering not good education for all, but good education for those with money and something different for the others.

The experiment in choice and comperition and a free market in schooling was tried by the Tory Government. In the event it definitively failed to produce good education for all.

Yours sincerely. IVOR GOODSON. University of East Anglia, School of Education and Professional Development, Norwich NR4713. July 15.

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Synod debate on homosexual priests

From the Bishop of Oxford

Sir. I must challenge the inference drawn in your front-page report today that the Archbishop of Canterbury "paved the way" at yesterday's meeting of the General Synod for the ordination of practising homosexuals as Church of England priests.

If the Lambeth Conference decides next year to set up a commission drawn from the worldwide Anglican Communion, it would be concerned with issues of human sexuality in general, including, for instance, polygamy and cohabitation as well as

There can be no presumption about whether it would make specific recommendations on a question such as the ordination of practising homosexuals or, if so, whether such recommendations would reaffirm or question the traditional mind and discipline of the

Yours sincerely. **†RICHARD OXON:** Diocesan Church House, Oxford.

From Mr Robert Leach Sir, I cannot agree that the Church of England General Synod has given a

"boost for gay priests" - at least not

intentionally.

The wording of Archdeacon David Gerrard's motion, which led to the de-bate, said that a 1991 bishops' report on homosexuality was "not the last word on the subject". What I took him to mean by those words was simply that more could be added. The gay lobby took these words to mean that the conclusions of the 1991 report

could be reversed. Many of us in synod foresaw that this could happen. Mr Geoff Locke, leader of the synod's Evangelical

Group, and the Reverend Stephen Trott of the Catholic Group, each proposed amendments which would have

removed this ambiguity. The House of Bishops decided that it must control synodical statements on such matters. Rather than seek the necessary changes to synod rules, it decided on principle to block all amendments. This meant that the Archbishop of Canterbury voted against a commendation of his own

What should concern ordinary churchgoers is not that the policy on homosexuality has changed - it has not - but that we have a House of Bishops which plots against its own synod and lacks the wisdom to see how its actions will be interpreted.

Yours sincerely ROBERT LEACH (Lay member, General Synod), 19 Chestnut Avenue, Epsom, Surrey.

From the Reverend Tony Ward

Sir. For William Rees-Mogg to say that a clergyman enjoying "a love nest with a quiet woman in Woking ... is no business of ... his parishioners and bishop" ("Life, liberty and the hunt for happiness", July 14) is comparable to suggesting that if an MP is selling military secrets to an enemy it is no business of the Prime Minister or electors. Either would constitute a betrayal of trust and a loss of integrity, and perpetuate the seductive but dangerous premise that the sin lies in being found out.

Yours sincerely, TONY WARD, St Andrew's Vicarage, 16 Duke Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Flower arrangers close the cathedral

From the Dean of Ely

Sir, Last week Ely Cathedral hosted a spectacular flower festival, opened by Princess Margaret, which attracted over 20,000 visitors. It provided a splendid example of our partnership with the local community, as well as an opportunity to present the Christian Gospel through the festival theme The Power and the Glory".

Lady Bannerman's statement (letter, July 16) that one of the cathedral clergy told her in conversation that the and have the right to close it to the public must not be taken out of context. While legally correct, the whole ethos at Ely is a close partnership with the diocese, the county and our many

Throughout the festival daily worship continued with inspiring services in our glorious Lady Chapel. I am sorry that Lady Bannerman was not able to tour the cathedral on her visit, but with 400 flower arrangers working all over the building, some on high-level scaffolding, health and salety precautions forced us to close it to visitors during the final stages of the preparations. This is a rare occurrence and the dean and chapter regret any inconvenience caused.

Yours faithfully MICHAEL HIGGINS. The Deanery, The College, Ely, Cambridgeshire. July 16.

From Mrs Catherine Bridges

Sir, Lady Bannerman objects to the closure of Ely Cathedral during the preparations for the recent flower festival. But during the festival this most glorious medieval place of worship was open to thousands of visitors who came to marvel at the spectacular

array of imaginative and colourful flower displays.

No doubt some just came to see the flowers without much thought of religious worship. But how wonderful that so many more people visited our city's glorious cathedral.

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

Yours faithfully. CATHERINE BRIDGES. 61 Arundell, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

From Dr David N. King

Sir, Lady Bannerman was understandably distressed to find Ely Cathedral closed for worship and prayer for five days owing to a flower festival. In comparison, I was fortunate that on my last visit about five years ago it was open. However, the atmosphere was little better as one aisle was converted into a cafe (which I understand is still there) and the entire building was filled with the sound of raucous laughter and chinking tea-

Lady Bannerman wonders if she should have thrown the money changers out of the temple. I would suggest that a building whose northwestern turrets collapsed in the 14th century and still await replacement has perhaps ceased looking upwards to heaven and may hardly count as a temple. I have long hoped that the dean and

chapter would restore these turrets and so recreate one of the finest west fronts in Gothic architecture. There would be few finer acts of restoration to mark the new millennium.

Yours faithfully. DAVID KING. 14 Greenhaugh Way, Braco, Dunblane, Perthshire.

Swimming pool bids

From the Chief Executive of the English Sports Council

Sir, Your leading article roday, "Sporting amateurs", could give rise to the misconception that Mr Hamilton Bland, who is not and has never been a member of or adviser to this council's award panel, had some direct influence over Lottery Sports Fund deci-

We have rigorous procedures for assessing Lottery Sports Fund applications and take advice from a wide range of people - including sports governing bodies, local authorities, our own internal advisers and independent experts - before making an award. In the case of swimming pools, the advice from the Amateur Swimming Association is taken into account, but is only one element in a ro-

bust, thorough selection process. We are determined to continue to pursue these procedures to ensure

As old as you feel

From Mrs Peter Halliwell

Sir, I understood that middle-age (letter, July 12) was that period of life when parents and children caused equal amounts of worry.

Yours faithfully ROMY HALLIWELL, 2 Southend Close Hursley, Winchester, Hampshire.

From Mr Harry Whitham Sir, As a middle-aged 65-year-old, I believe the definition of middle-aged

Yours etc.

that public money is spent in the right

DEREK CASEY, Chief Executive, English Sports Council, 16 Upper Woburn Place, WCI.

From Mr Nick Gillingham Sir. The artwork illustrating your

commendable investigation of Hamilton Bland's business dealings points out that he was my "former agent". It is true that he acted for me as an agent/manager before and during the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

However, this was on an ad hoc basis, and no money passed to Mr Bland through either my sponsors or business associates. Yours sincerely,

NICK GILLINGHAM (World 200m breaststroke champion, 1993), 8 Old Langley Hall. Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

given in Chambers dictionary between youth and old age, variously reckoned to suit the reckoner" - to be the most accurate.

Yours faithfully, HARRY WHITHAM, 19 Woodkirk Avenue. Tingley, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. harry@hwhitham.demon.co.uk

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Legislative role of **House of Lords**

From Professor Emeritus Leonard Tivey

Sir, Peter Riddell's call today for more constitutional discussion is very welcome. In particular, the remarks of Mr Robert Hazell (who ran the Constitution Unit in its two-year life) quoted by Mr Riddell about the reform of the House of Lords are much

to the point. Almost any reform of the Lords will strengthen its prestige and hence its political influence, and governments will have to respect its amendments. It is therefore necessary first (as Mr Hazell says) to consider what it should actually do in the process of legislation and in the scrutiny of governmental activities, before deciding on this chamber's composition and the future

of hereditary peers (letters, July 15). If the Commons devotes more time and resources to the examination of Bills at the committee stage, as it surely must, then there is a case for transferring some of the work of administrative scrutiny - of executive agencies, quangos and regulators, for example -- to a reformed second

chamber. It is right to call attention to the defects of composition, in the old Labour and old Liberal manner, but at present the Lords provide the major under-used resource of the constitution, and debate about its role should take priority.

Yours faithfully. LEONARD TIVEY (Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Birmingham), 726 Shirley Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. July 15.

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, As a Labour hereditary peer. I feel somewhat nonplussed after reading the letter from Lord Campbell of Alioway. If it is being proposed that Tory hereditaries should be abstaining from divisions, it follows that I should be doing likewise, since precisely the same principle is involved. However this hasn't been suggested.

If, on the other hand, it is the view that Tories should be extremely discrete and vote only if there is no risk whatever of bringing about a government defeat, they have a problem since they cannot be sure, apparently, how many Labour peers will stay on to vote, nor how many of their own party will be present and not abstain-

ludicrous to write of the amendment as indicating a decision to "block devolution legislation" when, as is shown by Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish in the adjoining column, it would merely mean a minor change in the voting procedure at the referendums.

Yours faithfully. JOHN KILBRACKEN, House of Lords.

Pay as you learn

From Mr Tim Rawling Sir, I was interested to read the propo sal for a National Scholarship Fund paid for by the National Lottery (Dr Clayton's letter. July 16) - certainly an innovative idea. As a further sugges-tion, perhaps it could also award grants to fund the living expenses of

Yours faithfully, TIM RAWLING. Maxwell House, Maxwell Road, llkley West, Yorkshire.

poorer students throughout their time

at university. We could call it the

Thames salmon

t.rawling@cheerful.com

From Colonel A. H. N. Reade

Sir. The account of salmon returning to the Medway and other rivers (report, July 11) does not mention the remarkable work being carried out by

the Thames Salmon Trust.

Over the past 11 years, with the aid of generous sponsorship, the Trust has built 21 salmon passes at locks on the Thames. The 22nd will be completed shortly, so giving fish a clear run from the tideway to the upper reaches of the river. The next stage is to build passes on the tributaries and to clear and improve the gravel beds

so essential for spawning.

There is now a steady and gradually increasing number of fish annually returning up the Thames and every hope that eventually this great river will once again support a naturally self-sustaining stock.

I shall never catch a fresh-run Thames salmon but am confident that my grandson will.

Yours faithfully, A. H. N. READE, The Old Post House, Ipsden, Wallingford, Oxfordshire. July 12.

Course language

From Mrs Véronique Seligman

Sir, If Mr Des Taylor had to delete his expletives (report. July 12) for fear of offending a woman fishing on the same riverbank, he was fishing too close to her.

Yours sincerely, VERONIQUE SELIGMAN (As from the Test at Timsbury), 28 Cheyne Row, SW3.

The engagement is announced

between Douglas, son of Mr Patrick King and Mrs Elizabeth King, of Milton, Southsea, and

Kate, daughter of Professor J.M.

Harrington, CBE, and Mrs. Harrington, of Edgbaston

The engagement is announced between Captain Giles N.P.

Taylor, Scots Guards, eldest son of

Colonel and Mrs David Taylor, of Parriham, Surrey, and Frances,

younger daughter of Mrs Janet Shepherd and the late Alan Shep-

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and

Mrs Robert Todman, of Hockley.

Essex, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Phillibrown, of Great Totham,

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs RJ. Whitfield, of

Appleton, Cheshire, and Ann Elisabeth, elder daughter of Mr

D.A. and Dr J.M. Herbert, of

and Miss S. Lowry
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 12, at Donhead St.
Mary Parish Church, Wiltshire, of

Mr Jeremy Sheldon, elder son of Sir Gervase and Lady Sheldon, to

Miss Susie Lowry, elder daughter of. Lieutenant Colonel Michael Lowry and the late Mrs Lowry.

The Rev Thomas Curry officiated

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Eleanor and Robert Kilby, Mr Julian Spencer was best

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Essex.

Mr R. Whitfield

Marriages

Mr J.J.K. Sheldon

and Miss A.E. Herbert



COURT CIRCULAR

Corps played selections of music during the afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh,

Founder and Chairman of the

Trustees, The Duke of Edin-

burgh's Award International

Association, today attended a

World Fellowship Luncheon at

Stornaway House, Cleveland Row,

July 17: The Prince of Wales,

Colonel-in-Chief. The Parachute

Regiment, this morning received Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Mal-

kin upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Of-

ficer (0th (Volunteer) Battalion and

Lieutenant Colonel Simon Barry

upon assuming the appointment.
His Royal Highness, President,
Business in the Community, later
held a seminar with business
leaders who had attended the

Spring 1997 "Seeing is Believing"

The Prince of Wales, Patron, National Council for the Conserva-

tion of Plants and Gardens, this

July 17: The Princess Margaret,

Countess of Snowdon, President,

the Royal Ballot, was present this

evening at a performance by the Royal Ballet School at Holland

Park Open Air Theatre, London

today visited the East of England Agricultural Society Show, Peter-

borough, and was received by Mr

Hugh Duberly (Deputy Lieuten-

ant of Cambridgeshire). His Royal Highness, accompa-

nied by The Duchess of Glouces-

ter, took the Salute at this evening?

performance of the Royal Tour-

nament at Early Court, London

July 17: The Duchess of Kent.

Chancellor, this afternoon pre-

sided at the honorary degree

ceremonies at the University of

Newton, King's Lynn, Norfolk, at

The Duchess of Kent will take the

salute at the Royal Tournament.

Princess Alexandra, as President,

will attend the celebration of the

tenth anniversary of St Matthew's Children's Fund for Ethiopia at St Alban the Martyr, Brook Street,

London ECI at 3.00; and will take

the salute at the evening perfor-mance of the Royal Tournament at

Mr Geoffrey Finn, Master of the

Company of Chartered Secretaries

and Administrators, presided at a

livery function held yesterday at

Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Mr Mark Goyder and Mr Peter J. Herring

also spoke. The Private Secretary

to The Queen, the Masters of the Barbers and the Information

Master of the Guild of Manage-ment Consultants, the Commis-

sioner of the City of London Police

and Professor Mark Casson.

Earls Court at 1.45.

Earls Court at 7.15.

Luncheon

Chartered Secretaries

and Administrators

YORK HOUSE

Today's royal engagements

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KENSINGTON PALACE

July 17: The Duke of Glor

ST JAMES'S PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 17: His Excellency Or Pedro L. Padilla Tonos was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Dominican Republic to the Court of St James's.

Senora de Padilla was also received by Her Majesty. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Major General Evelyn Webh-Carter was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Major General Commanding the Household Division.

The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Mr Stephen Brown (the Republic of Korea). Mr John Durham (Mongolia). Mr David MacLennan (the Lebanese Republic). Mr William Marsden (the Argentine Republic) and Mr Roger Thomas (the Repub-lic of Azerbaijan) Mrs Brown, Mrs Durham, Mrs

MacLennan, Mrs Marsden and Mrs Thomas were also received by

Mr Alan Hunt was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of Singapore.

Mrs Hunt was also received by

Her Majesty. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Aftermoon Party in the Garden of Bucking-

ham Pulace. The Duke of York, The Duke of Kent, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present. Her Majesty's Body Guard of

the Honourable Corps of Gentle-men-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the

Guard were on duty.
The Bands of the Coldstream Guards and the Royal Logistic

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the

new stadium at Derhy County Football Club at 10.10; she will

open the resource centre at the

Royal School for the Deaf at 10.45;

will open the new Derbyshire Children's Hospital at 11.20; and accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Sir Henry

Royce Centre at 12.10; and visit Hardwick Hall at 2.25.

Later, the Queen will open new offices for the District of Bolsover

The Duke of Edinburgh, will visit

Rolls Royce at 10.45. Later, as Patron, will visit the Royal York-

shire Yacht Club. I Windsor Cres-

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit RAF Manston.

Kent, and will unvell the Thane

Allied Aircrew Memorial Statue at

Princess Marguret, as President,

the Guide Association, will attend

the Bronetrion Golden Celebration

at the Guides Cymru Training

Centre, Llandinam, Powys, at 3.00.

The Duke of Ginucester will

present the Construction Industry

Training Board's prize at the Civil Engineering College, Bircham

cent. Bridlington, at 5.00.

Memorial service

Lord Todd, OM, FRS

The Queen was represented by Lord Porter of Luddenham. OM, FRS, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, FRS, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Todd, OM, FRS, held on Wednesday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, Canon Donald Gray officiated, The Hon

Hilary Todd, daughter, and Lord Butterfield, President of the Croucher Foundation, read the lessons. Dr the Hon Alexander Todd, son, read from his father's anniversary address to the Royal Society in November 1978. Sir John Mason, FRS, gave an address.

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Irvine of Lairg attended. The Ambassador of Japan was represented by Mr Sadaaki Numata. Among others present were:
Drand the Hon Mrs P E Brown (son-in-law and daughter), inc. Hon Mrs Alexander Todd (daughter-in-law), Miss A J Brown, Mr and Mrs M P L Brown and Dr R P A Brown (grand-rhidern)

M P L Brown and Dr R P A Brown (grand-children).

The Earl of Selborne, FRS, the Right Rev Dr David Say, KCVO, Lord and Lady Butterworth, Lord Dainton, FRS, Baroness David, Lord Lewis of Newnham, FRS, and Lady Lewis, Lord Phillips of Ellesmere, FRS, Lady Porter of Luddenham, Lord Remnant, Lord Robertson of Oakridge, Lord Tombs (Chancellor, Strathelyde University) with Professor John Arbuthriott

Nick Faldo, the golfer,

is 40 today

Mr Kenneth Armitage, sculptor, 81; Lady Bingley, social worker, 72; Mr Edward Bond, playwright and

director, 63: Mr Richard Branson,

chairman, Virgin Group, 47; Mr

C.D. Daykin, Government Actuary, 49; Mr G.H.G. Doggart, former Headmaster. King's School, Bruton. 72: Viscount Esher, 84; Mr John Fraser, former

chairman, Ciba UK Group, 66; Senator John Glenn, former astro-

naut, 76; Lord Daresbury, 44; Mr

dent of South Africa. 79; Mr Anthony Miles, publisher, 67; Mr

Richard Pasco, actor, 7l; Sir Robert Speed, QC, former Counsel to the

Speaker, 92: Dr G. M. Stephen, High Master, Manchester Gram-

Stormonth Darling, former direc-tor, National Trust for Scotland.

79; Mr Jim Watt, former boxer, 49; Dr B.C.L. Weeden, FRS, former

Vice-Chancellor. Nottingham University. 74: Mr Yevgeny Yev-tushenko, poet, 64.

University of Kent

Congregations for the award of

degrees to students of the Univer-

Congregations

grees were awarded to:

Birthdays

today

(Principal) and Dr Ellnor Arbuthnott and Professor J N Sherwood: Lady Trend, Baroness Trumpington, Sir Nicholas Lyell, O.C. MP.

Sir Aaron Klug, OM. FRS (president, Royal Society) with Sir John Horlock, FRS (treasurer), Professor R B Heap, FRS, Mr Stephen Cox, Ms Mary Nixon, Miss Diana Chapman and other members of the society.

Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, Sir Jack Baldwin, FRS and Lady Baldwin, Sir David and Lady Baldwin, FRS and Lady Baldwin, Sir David and Lady Barnes, Dasne Josephine Barnes, Professor Sir John Cadogan, FRS (Office of Science and Technology). Sir Geoffrey and Lady Cass, Sir Alcon Copisarow, Sir John Comforth, FRS, and Lady Cornforth, Sir George Edwards, OM, FRS, Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, FRS, Sir Edward Ford Irepresenting the Order of Merit), Sir William Henderson, FRS, Professor Sir Graham Hills, Sir Ewart Jones, FRS, and Lady John, Mason, Dalme Rosemary Murray, Sir James Nursaw, Professor Sir Patrick Rellly, Lady Ride, Sir John Meurig Thomas, FRS (Biochemical Society), Sir Patrick Rellly, Lady Ride, Sir John Meurig Thomas, FRS (Master, Peterhouse, Cambridge), Professor Sir Frederick Warner, FRS, Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme.

Professor P Allen, FRS, Mr and Mrs S E Alleyne, Professor Norman Ashton, FRS, Miss Kay Batchelor, Professor B B Boycot, FRS, Miss Kay Batchelor, Professor B B Boycot, FRS, Miss Kay Batchelor, Professor B B Boycot, FRS, Mr and Mrs John Chapman, Dr David Clough, Mr and Mrs A R Gilson, Professor Carl Djerassi, Mr and Mrs A R G

Professor P Gray, FRS, Professor N N Greenwood, FRS, Professor Beverly Griffin.

Mrs Cecil Hackett, Dr and Mrs Y K Hamied, Professor Jeffrey B Harborne, FRS. Dr J E Harris, FRS, Dr Cedric Hassali, FRS, Dr Alan Hayes, Mr Paul D G Hayter, Professor R F Hudson, FRS. Mr D I R Jones, Dr R WJ Keay, Dr Peter King, Mr Michael Lord, MP, Mr Robert Maipas, the Rev G R D Manley, Mrs F G Mann. Dr D H Marrian, Mr and Mrs Michael Noakes, Ms Catherine Oriel. Mr T R Prigorowsky, Professor C B Reess. FRS. and Mrs Recha. Mr. B M Rosswick. Dr Ruth Sanger, FRS, Dr David Sharp, Professor Brian Thrush, FRS. Mr A R Todd, Mrs A R Whittaker, Dr John Wren, Mr C R Wrigley.

Todd, Mrs A R Whittaker, Dr John Wren, Mr C R Wrigley.

Mr Raymond Holland (chairman of council, Society of Chemical Industry) with Mr Richard Denyer, Professor Ian Morton, Miss Rosemarke Wood and other members of the society; Professor J D Bone (Vice-Principal, Glasgow University). Dr Alan Munro (Master, Christ's College, Cambridge) and Mrs Munro, Mr Peter Briffs (Briffs) Association for the Advancement of Science). Dr Derek Chadwick (Ciba Poundation). Mr I MacCallium (Croucher Foundation). Mr I MacCallium (Croucher Foundation). Professor Charles Rees, RS, (Royal Society of Chemistry) and Mrs Rees with Dr John Gibson; Professor Hubert Curien (Academia Europaea). Mr David Gilkes.

(Academia Europaea), Mr David Gilkes (Chinese University of Hong Kong) and Mrs Gilkes, Mr Leslie Stell (Master, Saiter; Company) and Mrs Stell with other members of the company; Dr Klaus Wild (German Embassy), Mr A K Wilson (Cambridge University Press) and many other Irlends and former colleagues.

Service

reunion

Imperial Indian Services
The Imperial Indian Services held

their final Tamasha at Portsmouth Guildhall yesterday. Members of

the Indian Civil and Political Services, the Police, the Navy and

who had ever served in India pre-

1947 and marked the 50th anniver-

sary of the cessation of those

Hastemere
The Governors of The Royal

School, Haslemere, announce the appointment of Miss Linda Inniss, BA (Hons), PGCE, MA (Ed), to the

post of Headmistress. Miss Inniss currently Deputy Head (Pastoral) at Roedean School. She will take up her position at The Royal

The following have been elected officers of the Cutiers' Company

for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr C.J. Osborn-Jones;

Warden, Mr P. Watts; Warden, Mr C.M.LL

School on January 1, 1998.

Cutlers'

Senior Junior

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School news

The Royal School,

Forthcoming marriages Mr D.J.S. King and Miss K.G.A. Harrington

Mr M.E.H. Bidwell and Miss C.R. Kulatunga The engagement is announced hetween Mark younger son of Sir Hugh and Lady Bidwell, of Goodnestone, Kent, and Claudia. second daughter of Mr and Mrs Vijit Kulatunga, of Purley, Surrey. Mr P.R. Brockson and Miss J.J. Garfit

The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Brockman, of Chartham, Kent, and Jacquelyn liacion, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. William Garlit, of Harlton, Cambridgeshire. Mr RAC Buckley

and Miss C. Worsfold. The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.F.W. Buckland, of Monmouth, Wales, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Deals Worsfold, of Alton, Hampshire Mr RA. Butto and Miss A-L. Reilly

and Miss A-L. Retily
The engagement is announced
between Richard Antony, rwin son
of Mr Christopher Buxton and
Mrs Hugh Maitland-Jones, and
Anna-Louise, youngest daughter
of Mrs Brian Reilly and the late Mr Brian Reilly, of Henley-on-

Dr D.P. Forward and Or S.V.F. Wallace The engagement is announced between Daren, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Forward, of Basildon, Essex, and Straime, daughter of Professor and Mrs W. Angus Wallace, of Woodborough, Nottinghamshire, Mr. M. Griese and Mins I. Brands

The engagement is announced between Martin Griese and Illia. Brandt, both of London.

Mr C.B.C. Hogan
and Miss K.A. Wallington
The engagement is announced
between Canice, youngest son of
Mr and Mrs Bernard Hogan, of Woldingham, Surrey, and Katharine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Wallington, of Godalming, Surrey Mr J.A. Park

School on January 1, 1998.

St Mary's School,
Shaftesbury
The Governors of St Mary's
School, Shaftesbury, have appointed Mrs Susan Pennington as
Head from August 1, 1998, in
succession to Slater Campion
Livesey, IBVM. and Miss T.A. Murray and Miss I.A. Mugray
The engagement is announced
between Gus, younger son of Mr
and Mrs Andrew Park, of
Claygate, Surrey, and Tessa,
youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs
Malcolm F. Murray, of Lower
Shiplake, Oxfordshire.

Mir R.C. Pheips
and Miss A.C. Stapleton
The engagement is announced
between Richard, only son of Mr
and Mrs Michael Pheips, of Strawberry Hill, Middlesex, and
Annamarie, only daughter of Mr
and Mrs Vincent Stapleton, of
Rusbey, Herdordshire.

Pythouse, Tisbury and the honey-moon is being spent abroad. Mr. J.S. McCarron and Miss C.H. Monachiloff

The marriage took place on Fri-day, June 6, at St Theresa of Avila, West Roxbury, Massachusetts, between Mr John McCarron, son of Mr and Mrs Frank McCarron, of Vest Roxbury, Massachus and Miss Catherine Momechiloff. daughter of Mr Ivan Momtchiloff and the late Mrs Ann Momtchiloff, and stepdaughter of Mrs Janet Momichiloff, of Cambridge, Massachusens, lately of Waltonon-Thames, Surrey.

The Royal Academy of Engineering

The 21st Annual General Meeting of The Royal Academy of Engineering was held in London on Wednesday, July 16, 1997. Str David Davies, CBE, FEng, FRS, President, was in the chair. The Academy elected the following

Fellows:
Mr Alexander A Anderson, Mr John R Banyard, Professor Howard A Barnes, Professor Peter W Bearman, Professor Thomas Bell, Mr Robert Berestord, CBE, Professor David K Bowen, Dr David J Buchanan, Professor Ching C Chan, Professor Po S Ching, Professor I Crawford, Professor Robert J Crawford, Professor Militam Ecclestion, Professor William Ecclestion, Professor William Ecclestion, Professor Roger A Falconer, Dr Edwin B Farmer, CBE, Mr Edward P Gallagher, Mr Philip N Goddard, Dr David Grant, CBE, Professor Peter M

Grant, Professor Hugh D Griffiths, Professor Michael Houre, Mr Edmund Hollinghurst, Professor John A Howell, Professor Philip Hutchinson, Mrs. Joanna Kennedy, OBE, Dr. Julia E King, Professor Anthony J Kinloch, Professor Ashak K Kochhar, Professor Roland W Lewis, Professor David J Limebeer, Ms Susan M Lyons, Eur Ing James McKnight, Professor Renneth K Morgan, Mr Richard Parry-Jones, Mr Robert D Reith, Mr Anthony D Roche. Professor Robert M Thorogood, Mr Derek Tuddenhom, Mr Ian A Vance, MBE, Mr Alan H Vincent, Professor William A Wakeham, Dr Keith D Ward.

The following were elected Foreign Members: Dr Joed Birnbaum (USA), Dr João Pinheiro (Portugal), Dr Jeo Young (USA).

Anniversaries Dinners

BIRTHS: Robert Hooke, physicist. Freshwater, Isle of Wight, 1635; Gilbert White, clergyman and naturalist, Selborne, Hampshire, HM Government 1720; William Makepeace Thack-eray, Calcuna, 1811; W.G. Grace, cricketer, Downend, Gloucester-shire, 1848; Philip Snowden, Viscount Snowden, statesman, Ickomshaw, Yorkshire, 1864.

David Hemery, athlete, 53; Miss Elizabeth Jennings, author, 71; Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, 82; Mr Denis Lillee, cricketer, 48; Mr Nelson Mandela, OM. Presi-DEATHS: Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, painter, Port Ercole, Italy, 1610; Antonio Vieira, lesuit missionary, Salvador, Brazii, 1697; Jean-Antoine Watteau, painter, Nogent-sur-Marne, 1721; Jane Austen, novelist, Winchester, 1817; Benito Juarez, President of Mexico 1801-72, Mexico City, 1872; Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, Dean of Westminster [864-81, London, [88]; Thomas Cook, travel agent pro-neer, Leicester, 1892; Don Carlos, pretender to the Spanish throne, Varese, Italy, 1909; Hermann Adler, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire 1891-1911, London, 1911; Thomas Sturge Moore, art his-Comeille Heymans, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1938, Knokke, Belaium, 1968: Jack Hawkins, actor,

London, 1973. The Vatican Council promulgated the Dogma of Papal infallibility. 1270.

sity of Kent at Canterbury were held on July 15 and 16, 1997, in The Cenotaph in Whitehall, de-Canterbury Cathedral, Sir Crispin signed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, was unveiled, 1920. Tickell, Chancellor, presided. De-The Spanish Civil War began, Michel Rocard, DCL: Peter Williams. DCL; Eddy Fung, DCL; The Lady Soames, DLin; Professor Lewis Elton, DLin.

Disneyland opened near Anaheim.

Mr George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a dinner given last night by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Hans Hackkerup, the Danish Minister for Defence. Fruiterers' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies,

attended the summer court dinner of the Fruiterers' Company held last night at Leeds Castle, Keni. Mr Derek Tullett, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens. M Albert Roux also spoke.

The London Institute

the institute's Court of Governors.

Judge Paul Collins to be Director of Studies at the Judicial Studies Board in succession to Judge Christopher

Appointment

At Westminster Central Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, July 16 and 17, the London Institute con-Plaisterers' Company ferred academic awards on 1,800 The following have been elected officers of the Plaisterers' Comsuccessful students from its constituent colleges - Camberwell College of Arts, Central Saint party for the ensuing year: College of Arts, Central Sams
Martins College of Art and Design, Chelsea College of Art and
Design, London College of Printing
and Distributive Trades. The
awards were conferred by Mr
Lilian E Markham Chalman of aster, Mr R.E. Faulkner: Upper Warden, Mr E.J. Pilgrim; Renter Warden, Mr N.J. Carr, Deputy Master, Mr R.B. Lincoin Julian E. Markham, Chairman of

Actuaries' Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Actuaries' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr C.R.C. Hawkes; Section 314 for Mr. S. Eightman nior Warden, Mr A.S. Fishman Junior Warden, Mr S.J. Green.

Latest wills

Iris Margaret Freeman, of London Milleon, Hampshire, left estate W2, left estate valued at £4,588,927 valued at £1,552,909 net.

Richard Carr Green, retired assurance company director, of Lower Peover, Knutsford, Cheshire left. reaser valued at £2.223.367 net.
He left £5.000 to Lower Peover Church, £2.000 each to ESFE, NSFCC and Nadional Trust £1.000 to ENLI: £500 to Enlish Field Sports Society and in Entities Association for Shooting and Conservation. Lydia Joan Chamberlain, of London No. left estate valued at

Joan Muriel Bessemer Clark, of London SW3. left estate valued at £1,877,782 net." She left 25,000 to the RNLI; \$2,000 to the RNIB; £1,000 each to St Christophers Hospice, NSPCC and Save the Children.

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Kathleen Mary Downs, of Hutton

Catherine Riley Heys, of Ainsworth, Bolton, Lancashire, left estate valued at £1,066,914

not.

She left 11,000 to Ainsworth Parish
Church plus five equal shares in her
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BACKHOUSE - On July 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Henrietta (née Bale) and Peter, a daughter, Amelia Prancès Katherine, a sister for Tom and Oliver.

BOSCAWEN - On July 11th to Este and Vere, a son, Guy William, a brother for Harry and Issbella. BROAD - On June 26th at Frimley Park, Camberley, to Jenny (née Shipsey) and Gary, a son, Ellot Thomas.

The Fortland Hospital, to Carina (new Longbottom) and Hichael, a cherished dnughter, Lam Florence.

FAIRALL WINTELEIGH - On July 2nd 1997, to Gilly and Other, a very healthy son, Toby, a brother for Beth,

FARMER - On 3rd July, to Floma and William, a son, Theo Jonathan Henry, a brother to

GRANT - On 13th July 1997 in Nairobi to greatly moneraed Vanessa (nee Kingsford) and Hamish, a healthy daughter Savia Vanessa, a sister for Abstracts. GRAY - On July 2nd 1997, lames and Alexandra (r James and Alexandra (née Maude), a son, Maximillion Oliver Arthur.

MARRISON - On June 12th 1997, to Arry (nee Taylor) and Christ, a daughter, Olivia Jane, a sister for Ruszi, Now back in Nutbolk.

HARVEY/LEE - On July 5th 1997, to Juliet and Richard, a daughter, Erin Penelope.

in Genera, to Ashley and Kirsty (nee Ross), a son, Rory Herbert Thomas, a brother

JOHNSTON - On 10th July 1997, to Juliana and Alexander, a son, Spencer, a brother for Lubelle.

MARSHALL - On 16th fuly, to Philip and Earbara, a son, Camerate. ROSE - On June 13th, to Alexandra (nife Groom) and Guy, a son, Jasper George, a brother for Les.

WEATHERSEED - On July 12th at The Fortland Hospital, to Marguerite (née Jackson) and Simon, a sou, Miles Mark Marguerite

ARGVLE - Ruth (née Holmes) died peacefully on July 14th 1997. Dearly Juved Wife of the late Martin, wonderful Mother of Lan and Malcolm, special Sister of Mary, Joy and Geace, dear Mother-inlaw and treasured Gaussianother who receives a rich welcome thro the stemal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ'. Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 22nd July at 11.45am at 8t Michael's, Monkton Combe, Bath. Flowers or donations to The Gideons to G. Mannings and Sons Ltd. Oxford House, North Road, Combe Down, Lath LAZ GHW.

BARR-It is with great eadness that we announce the peaceful death on 16th July 1997 of Helen Macdonald Barr of Tousdonn, Danblane, Scotland. The widow of William, action in Courand sister of Mary, Funetal Service in Falkirk Crematorium on Tuesday 22hd July at 11.30 pm.

RESSEY - John de M. Parsed away Enling Hospital 13th July, 1997. Funeral arrangements to be

CARNON - Pop (John Keiney), Communder R.N. Suddenly in Bath on 14th July. Remember him as you knew him: an ardent believer in his family who will miss him greatly, intrepid aviator, holiday organiser and much more, but always fun. We will all miss kim. Fungal at Havcombe Crematorium. will miss him. Princel at Haycombe Crematorium, Eath, 12 noon, 31st july There will be an interpent inter in the year at Lurgashall, West Sussex. Family flowers only. Douations to King Edward VII. Midhurst and RUH Charities. Contact & Hooper

CHITY - Elizabeth, 84, widow of Anthony, died quickly of heart failure June 30th, was new cannier, Giles and Micholes and her grandchildren, Tristan, lames, Alexandro, Luke, Brenden, Deniel and Aiden, According to ber wishes, she

July 1997 after a long illness, Brigadier Denis Esmonde-White, CBE, MC.

EVERALL - Dr. John Dudley of Harley Street W1 on 17th July aged 80. Much loved father of Mark. Funeral enquiries to [H. Kenyon (0171) 937-0757.

DAVIDSON - On July 15th 1997, peacefully at home, Winifred, aged 91 years, much loved widow of Henry. Winifred, aged 91 years, much lowed widow of Henry. Funeral Service at St. Wystans Church, Bopton, on Thursday 24th July at 2.15pm, followed by putate creaming. No flowers but donations in her memory would be gastefully received in aid of The Alzheimers Disease Society, co. Mrs. Joan Oulynam, The Treasurer, 129, Sancroft Road, Spondon, Derby, DE21 7ES. Enquiries to G. Wathall & Bon Limited 01232 245366.

ARGINAR - Anthony Hobert, beloved immend of Perills, died peacefully at Perth Royal inflemany on July 16th 1997. Fumeral Service at St Minlans Cathedual Perth at 2pm on Monday July 21st followed by burial at Caputh Cemetery. No flowers please.

Duran, caliform and many and Caroline, his family and many friends. Funeral Service at St Many le Tower Church, lowerice on Towery July 22nd at 3 pm. Family flowers only piesse, but if desired donations payable to Cancer Research may be sent to Farthing Singleton & Hastings Funeral Service, 650, Woodbridge Road, loweld, De 47W.

GRANT - Vanessa (née:
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July 1997 in Nahrobi, adored
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mother of the late Anna and
of Alexander and newborn
Solya, much loved daughter
of David and Marqaret
Kingsford of Goulburn,
Australia, and heloved cister
of Richard, Nick, Deb, Fluff
and Jess. Memorial Service
for Vanessa and Caristeming
Service for Sulya to be held
at 11 am at Gogar, Romgai,
Konya.

KENT - Jean Kent died on 9th July 1997 acteep at home in Ayya Anna, Cyprus, where her buriat an 10th July was attended by many electrous and released him. 1912 in South Island, New Zenland, she graduated at Auckland University. From 1955, she taught for 23 yours in Famagesta and at junior School, Nicosia where she was Deputy Hand. Her she was Deputy Hood. He travels in the Middle East were extensive and he ality at home was ever ming. Her kindness enthusiash gave

IESLE-CARTH - On July 13th aged 78 (née Davison, formetly Mullett). "D", widow of Peter and much loved mother of Ben and grandmother of Chiles and Penny, Cremation 11 am on Thursday July 24th 1997 at Putney Vale Crematorism, Donations to Macmillan Cancer Reliefflowers c/o Chelsea Fumeni Directors, 2608 Fulham Roed, London 8w10 9M.

in hospital. George Edwin aged 88. Loving inshemd to Rose, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and great-grandfather. The countre forward rugby player with the heart of a lion. From the botton of the mines to the top of the mountains to the full circle of life. Thank you for hearing me, Tuney. George Edwin's funcant took place at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond.

July, peacefully after a happy family supper, John and John and Joving husband, father and grandfather. He also loved fishing, Funeral at St Peter's, Lamerton on Wednesday 23rd July at 12 noon Family flowers only.

July 1997, Ann. aged 84, wintow of Robert McCreacy and much loved mother of Sarah and John, after a short illness. Inquiries: J & M Humphris, Banbury, 01295-265424.

MOSS - Stanley Howard, July 16th at home Morthbridge, Australia, Believed Insuland of Citive, lather of Moira and Richard, loved brother of Edward (dec'd), Month and uncle of his family.

Margaret on 16th history Mangaret in 10th July in Physical peacefully in her sleep after a shor liness, widow of Maurice beloved mother of Eachel Lancau and Dumice, pages in-law of Sustamah and Juan graphy of Daniel, Jonathan Robert and Anna. Densition to the RKLL or the Church

PAIFFY - Liz, beloved and loving mother of All and Georgie, wife of Pista, sixer of Caroline, Eare and Rose, godnother of Kristina, Nell and Nen, and a wonderful friend to so many when she loved. Surrounded by love she dised in peace, freed from patin, early on 14th July, May also be forever in joy. Festeniat Genthem, 12 noos on 24th July, Picnic after. Donations to Frofessor Esy. Fowlers' Myeloma Frand at the Royal Marsden or to multiple sciences research. Flowers to Greatham Manner, near Pulborough, West Sussen.

RAND - Alan James died suddenly on 14th July, Will be sadly missed by his wife Panticle, family and fidends. Funezal Service at Coopdon Crematorium, East Chapel, Thursday 24th July at 230pm. No flowers please, demotions to the E.S. Service;

dearest wife of Brigadis; John Regan on 16th july 1997 peacefully in Dornes and 16th july 1997 peacefully in Dornes and 75; after a long linear boune with great courage and fortitude. Beloved letter of teners, Carleston Michael and Rote, Adored by her daughter and some internal constitution of the course and some internal constitution of the course of the course of teners, Carleston of teners, Carleston of the course o her daughter and sons-in-law and her ten grandchildren. Funeral at the Church of St Mary the Virgin Powerstock on Thursday 24th July at 2.30mm Donations to

NOCKWELL - Curt Eric Gled peacefully aged 94 years, on Tuesday 15th July, Greatly loved father of Ruth, grandfather of Jennifer, Michael, Jeanna, Erica and Becky, and great grandfather Bocky, and great grandiaths of joulna. A wise guides influence over the entire family, and the last of his generation, he will be saily puissed by us all. Funeral, Friday 18th July, 2pm Handon Cametery, Holters

REREION - Edric (William)
FLAS FRICS suddenly and
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Mary (Rosamund Mary (Rosamund Greenwood, actives) late of Glossop, Derbyshire, died peacefully at St Gloud French III and College and The College and Theoder, method in the College and Theoder, and Theoder and The Whittington, on Wednesda July 23rd at 2.15 pm followed by cremation Floral tributes (please n wreaths) to E.I. Genney a Son, 70 Ombersley Road son, 70 Ombersley Road, Worcester, (tel: 01905 22094) or donations in Nec to The Actors' Benevolent Pand, 6 Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AA.

MATTS - Valerie (née Kemand) pencafully on July 14th at Arbrook House Nursing Home, Eshar, dearly loved wife of the late Peter, and also much leved by her sons Simon and Anthony, sons Simon and Anthony, and her grandchildren Thomas, Edward, Daniel, Leuns and William. Peneral Service at Eandalls Fark Crematorium, Leathenhead, at 2 pm on Friday Ist August, and afterwards at Arbrook House. Flowers, or donations to The Princess Alice Hospics, c/o Freik. W Paine, F/D, 108 High Street, Eshaz, Servey KT10 FGL, tel: (01372) 464021.

Miliams - Major Bric, aged 88 years, on Sunday, July 13th, 1997, tragically 13th, 1997, tragically, following a car socident. Denity beloved husband of the late Flora and scient father and grandfather. Thanksgiving Mass and Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Alford on Manday, Paly 23st, at 2.00 pm, followed by interseent at Tough Churchyard. All friends welcome throughout. All empuries to: Immes T. Churchyard. All friends welcome throughout. All enquiries to: james T. Murray & Sons, Paneral Directors, Alford, Telephone: 019755 62419 or 62336.

pascefully at home on July 18th. Beloved daughter of Jame Soer and the hote P.E.G. Swyer ORE. Deeply loved by her hashand Tong, her some and their wives, and by her quantichiferen and so many friends. The funeral will be at Culbone Church on Monday. 28th July at 4.00pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations towards the Medical and Community Nursing Services for Poriock may be sent to 1 & E. Bayes, F.D. Potiock, Somerset TA24 SNE (Tel: Old-SS 842615) from whom further details as to

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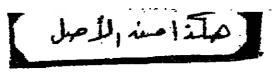
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COMMANDER TREVOR CRICK

Trevor Crick, OBE, DSC. and Bar, commander of the minesweeping flotilla attacked by "friendly fire" in the Channel in 1944, died on June 20 aged 95. He was born on. June 25, 1901.

revor Crick was a gallant sailor and a burly rugby player.
But thirty adventurous years with the Navy were scant preparation for an all-out attack by the RAF.

Known as "Crack" or "Tom". to his friends. Trevor George Payne Crick attended King's School, Peterborough, but failed the interviews for the Royal Naval College at Osborne. Instead, from the age of 13. he trained in the training ship Conway, berthed in the Mersey. From there, as an outstanding cadet, he went on

to Dartmouth.

He first went to sea in
September 1917 in the dreadnought HMS Colossus. At the end of the First World War. the Navy sent him to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he was a noted rugby player. During the next decade, when not at sea, he made regular appearances at Twickenham. He captained both the Royal Navy team and the United Services. He also played for the Barbarians, and noted of his four tours with them that they were "quite unforgetta-ble not only the football, but

also the drinking"... Meanwhile, after three years in submarines, he became a minesweeping specialist. In August 1939 he received £25 from the Lott Navai Trust Fund for inventing a minesweeping device.

In May 1940 he was at Dunkirk and was wounded in the foot "It was mortifying," he later said, "to be sent to Flanders to evacuate the British Expeditionary Force and to become a casualty almost at once, so that

In May 1942 he commanded the successful amphibious bearing an Italian name and a assault on Diego Suarez, pair of human lungs. It was Madagascar, winning the later discovered that the same



DSC. A year later, he was, commanding the frigate Ness on escort duty off the northwest coast of Spain when a submarine conning tower was spotted by one of the other ships. The submarine dived, but Ness gave chase. A number of depth charges were dropped and a dull double managed of oringing them home explosion was heard. Evidence I was an extra one needing to of a kill then floated to the be brought." champagne cork; coffee tins

submarine had sunk a ship in which Crick's brother Kenneth had been a passenger in 1943, after which he survived three days in a lifeboat before being picked up.

In December 1944 Trevor Crick was appointed OBE (mil) for his outstanding courage when on August 27, 1944, the 1st Minesweeping Flotilla. of which he was senior officer, was mistakenly attacked by the RAF 12 miles off the Cherbourg coast. Within 15 minutes, the minesweepers Britomart and Hussar had

but the planes returned five minutes later. Although the ships steered

a zigzag course, Salamander was hit by rockets, and Colsay soon disappeared amid waterspouts. Britomart was burning and listing heavily to port. A Union Jack and a White Ensign were draped over Jason's fo'c'sle, and a second signal was sent: "Three ships hit and in danger of sinking." Nevertheless, a third attack followed. Four minutes after that signal, Hussar cap-

sized and sank. Jason now went to look for survivors, and managed to pick up 13 from Hussar, but soon the 9.2-inch guns of the German shore batteries began shelling. Jason now laid a twomile smokescreen and began to tow Salamander, before other ships and tugs arrived. It was, as Crick said, "a dismal scene on so fine a day"; 117 Royal Navy men had lost their lives, and 153 had been wounded.

Details of the day's tragic events were subsequently kept quiet, but in 1994 documentary evidence was released. Because of a communications failure, the area naval headquarters had had no record of the presence of the flotilla. which had been found by radar at about midday. A Spitfire reconnaissance flight had reported that the convoy was probably friendly. An attempt to check by telephone failed because the lines were down. Wing Commander Johnny Baldwin, who led the attack by 263 and 266 Squadrons, queried the order because of the ships' formation, but was told to continue. in all, confirmation of the identity of the ships had been

sought four times. After the war, Crick retired from the Navy and ran a poultry business in Somerset. However, he maintained his naval connections. For many years he was chairman of the Bridgwater sea cadets in Somerset, who provided a guard of honour at his funeral.

He was married twice, but both wives predeceased him. He is survived by a stendaughter.

SIR CHARLES GRAHAM, Bt

Sir Charles Graham, Bt. former Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria, died on July Il aged 77. He was born on July 16, 1919.

CHARLES GRAHAM was the owner of Netherby Hall. which was immortalised by Sir Walter Scott in his ballad Lochinvar.

Scott was staying as a friend at Netherby, then the hub of a vast estate on England's border with Scotland, when he wrote his swashbuckling romance in the visitors' book. So boldly he entered the

Netherby hall Among bride's men and kinsmen and brothers and all. Then spoke the bride's father. his hand on his sword (For the poor craven bridegroom said never a word)

"O come ye in peace here, or come ye in war Or to dance at our bridal, young Lord Lochinvar? wrote Scott, so bequeathing a

rich inheritance to generations of schoolchildren. Charles Spencer Richard Graham, son of the 5th Baronet, was born in Suffolk, at the home of his maternal grandmother, but he grew up at

Netherby, at a house occupied

by his parents on the estate. The family had a centurieslong history. One ancestor had sailed to Spain to help arrange the marriage of King Charles I. The services to agriculture of Dr Robert Graham led to the creation of the present baronetcy in 1783, and the 2nd Baronet, Sir James Graham, became Home Secretary under Robert Peel.

The young Charles went from Eton to Sandhurst, intent on an army career. After a break because of illness, he was commissioned into the Scots Guards in 1940.

One of his duties in the following year was to guard the Nazi leader Rudolf Hess, who was held for a time in a house outside London after his dramatic flight to Scotland in May 1941.

Graham fought in the battle for North-West Europe after D-Day, serving in the regiment's armoured 3rd Battalion, where he made lifelong friends including Robert Run-cie and William Whitelaw, one

of whose daughters was later to marry Graham's son. Graham aptly christened his Churchill tank "Lochinvar".

His squadron was providing close support for the British infantry as the allies pushed into Holland, then towards the Elbe. Graham's job was to lizise with the infantry commanders, which often meant dismounting from his tank and dodging across the battlefield on foot for which he won a mention in dispatches. He was posted to Trieste at the end of the war. and four years later found hiself fighting insurgents in the Malayan jungle.

But he resigned as a major in 1950 in order to run the Netherby estate, freeing his father, Sir Fergus Graham, to re-enter Parliament as Conservative MP for Darlington.

Charles, who succeeded to the title as the 6th Baronet in 1978, devoted the rest of his life to managing Netherby, including its extensive woodland. The hall itself, however, has since been sold.

In 1971 he became president of the Country Landowners Association, a post that his father had previously held. As such he played a leading part in founding the European

while Edward Heath was taking Britain into the EEC.

In 1973 Graham retired from the Country Landowners' presidency and joined the National Water Council. Ten years later he became Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria, which he remained for 11 years. before retiring at the statutory age of 75. He was also master of the Worshipful Company of Farmers, 1982-83. He was a tail, approach-

able, gregarious man, a good shot and fisherman (chiefly salmon in the River Esk. which flows through the estate). He was equally happy, however, in the company of old friends in London's clubland. It was said that he knew everyone who mattered. Charles Graham, who suffered a stroke last January. met his wife at an Eton-Harrow cricket match before the war. The sister of a schoolfriend, she was formerly Susan Surtees, and came from the family of Robert Surtees, the creator of Jorrocks. They married in 1944 and she survives him, together with their two sons and a daughter. His elder son,

James, succeeds to the title as

the 7th Baronet.

aged 87: He was born in St Andrews on November 16, 1909.

Valson Forbes, viola

player, died on June 25.

ALTHOUGH he was one of the founding members of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Watson Forbes was best known for his work with several chamber ensembles. He also commissioned many pieces to extend the viola repertoire. Indeed, "Watson"

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Royal Academy of Music. Towards the end of his time there he was advised by Herbert Withers to try playing the viola. Somewhat to his surprise, he immediately felt at home on the instrument and at ease with its sonority. On leaving the Royal Academy he won the first Sir James Caird Travelling Scholarship to study in Czechoslovakia

with Sevcik. When Sir Thomas Beecham formed the London Philhar-

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Alongside his quartet and his solo performing, Forbes also formed the London String Trio and London Piano Quartel

Because of the slimness of the viola repertoire. Forbes set about commissioning new works, including the Viola Sonata by Lennox Berkeley. and arranging and transcribing numerous others.

The results are often to be found in syllabuses of the Associated Board, for which he was an examiner, and as set pieces for competitions the world over.

Forbes was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music, where he became a professor of chamber music and viola. Among the ensembles he helped to launch during this period were the Alberni and Lindsay String Quartets.

The Royal Academy also loaned him one of the few existing violas by Stradivari. though for blend of tone within the quartet he found that his own instrument, by Guadagnini, produced a more suitable sound.

In 1965, after more than



three decades as a performer he accepted the post of head of music for the BBC in Scotland. which Robin Orr later described as "an inspired appointment". The administrative experience he had developed stood him in good stead there, and among his achievements in Glasgow were the rescue of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra from threatened extinction. the commissioning of new works by Scottish composers. and the establishment of a Scots Fiddling Competition.

He was awarded an honorary

doctorate by the University of Glasgow and was later elected a Fellow of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. In Scotland, together with

his second wife, Jean, he was able to indulge his interest in food and wine, and enjoyed many convivial evenings with colleagues and friends. After his retirement, he continued making music, often with Jean at the piano, both at Loch Goil and later in the Cotswolds. until he was well into his eighties. He was an excellent listener and great raconteur.

and published an autobiography, Strings to my Bow. in 1994. He was extremely well read, particularly in the fields of philosophy and humanism. and even in his last year was reading Churchill's History of the Second World War and the collected works of Walter Scott.

He is survived by his second wife and his two sons from his first marriage to Mary Hunt: Sebastian, composer and Professor of Music at Surrey University, and Rupert Oliver, an opera singer and singing

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE **CHANCERY DIVISION**

PRESERVING SHAPE OF TIES: PATENT DISPUTE THE FRANC-STROHMENGER AND COWAN (INC)
V. PETER ROBINSON LIMITED (Before Mr Justice Maugham) His Lordship dismissed this action. in

which the plaintiffs, the Franc-Strohmenger and Cowan (Inc) of 10. East 40th Street, New York, claimed an injunction to restrain the defendants. Peter Robinson, Limited, of Regent Street, London, from the alleged infringement of a patent for neckties with linings made of woven fabric cut on the bias, the linings having a limited elasticity or resilience, and stretching as the body material of the tie stretched. It was claimed that the lining relieved the strain when the tie was subjected to great pulling force and prevented distortion, so that both the body material and the lining would return to their normal

positions when the tie was not in use. The plaintiffs alleged that the defendants had infringed their patent by selling four neckties, which were put in evidence. The defendants admitted the sales, but alleged that the patent was not novel, by reason of prior publication, prior public user, and prior

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At first sight, a case involving the alleged infringement of a patent for "neckties with linings made of woven fabric cut on the bias" might seem pretty dull stuff, but there is a certain grave charm about the proceedings recorded in The Times Law Reports

common general knowledge. Evidence of trade and expert witnesses was given for the plaintiffs. For the defence it was submitted that there was no case to answer, and no

evidence was given ... Mr Justice Maugham la brother of Somer-

set Maughaml, in giving judgment, said that it had been shown that the body material and the lining would preserve the same relative positions, in substance, during and after the period for which they were subjected to the strain. That was not to say that both body material and lining would return to exactly some positions as before nor that after

many weeks use the ties would not increase in length. It was nowhere suggested that they would return to the length at which they were before the strain. It was clear that most fabrics which could be used for the purpose were of a certain elasticity if cut on the bias ... It was also clear that some fabrics would return much more than others, and, in particular, that wool would do so almost entirely; but there was no evidence that any fabric would do so after months of use.

On the evidence, he had to conclude that it was quite common to have ties with linings cut on the bias, and that the natentee could not be said to have taken an inventive step with regard to loose stitching, as it was plain from the evidence that loose stitching was perfectly well known. The evidence had established complete prior user, by the use of a silk tie cut "from the square", and containing a lining of a similar character cut from the same square as the body material. He could not hold that there was sufficient subject matter to support the invention. He thought that the invention ... was nothing more than an appreciation of the principles already involved in the manufacture of ties cut from silk squares. Accordingly, he concluded that the patent was invalid for lack of subject matter, and the action would be dismissed.

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NEWS

Blair accused over his IRA stance

Tony Blair was accused by the Ulster Unionists of watering down his stance on disarming IRA terrorists as part of secret negotiations with Sinn Fein to win a ceasefire.

The Prime Minister was given a blunt warning by David Trimble, the Unionist leader, that his efforts to save the Northern Ireland peace talks would fail unless he toughens a paper on decommissioning agreed by the British and Irish governments

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Women who spend several years out of work because they have to care for relatives will be entitled to pension "credits" under new proposals being examined by the government.... ...Page 2

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A philosophy professor accused of indecently assaulting two students broke down and wept as he spoke of the "agonising" year his family had spent waiting for the case to come to court......... Page 3

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A fine art expert who appears on

television's Antiques Roadshow won more than E200,000 damages in the High Court as a judge leading dealer Page 5

Tuition fees date

Tuition fees for higher education will be introduced in September 1909, subject to final agreement by the Cabinet next week Page 6

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A former team doctor at Tottenham Hotspur, who claimed that he angered officials when he tried to stop the German star Jurgen Klinsmann from playing with a head injury, lost a claim for unfair dismissal .,...Page S

Cleared of murder

A teenager jailed for life for murdering a policeman, although he was 100 yards away from the stabbing and in handcuffs, was freed by the House of Lords.

Mir feilure The blighted Russian space station Mir suffered another mishap

when a crew member accidentally disconnected a computer cable. causing a power failure and making a further delay to repairs almost inevitable Page 13 Woolworth closure

The last of the "five and dime" shops of F.W. Woolworth are to close after more than a century as a fixture of US life.......... Page 14 New war crime court

Britain is to give the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague £330,000 to create a second court delivered a scathing attack on a to speed up the trials of Bosnian war crimes suspects....... Page 15

Edward III ruled out the female line

A faded and charred document in the British Library has been identified as a 1376 charter in which Edward III named his successor and stipulated that the Crown should pass only through the male line. Michael Bennett, a history professor, said: "It's a lost piece of a jigsaw in terms of how we've understood the laws of succession to the Crown"...... Page 1



Rhun Morgan of Aberystwyth, at 9 the youngest sheep dog trialist in the country, competing in the Welsh trials at Rhydyfelin yesterday

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Managers was left with a £1.6 million bill after a series of rule breaches led to the Dorset company being finedPage 25 Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 15.2 to 4949.0. Sterling fell from 105.2 to 104.7 after falling from \$1.6758 to

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An age-old problem

The Government could decide to means-test the state pension some time in the future. Tony Blair promised to think the unthinkable on social security. This would be a

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When England and Scotland become two nations with two systems of administration, what case can there be for the continued supremacy of the BBC? JOHN LLOYD

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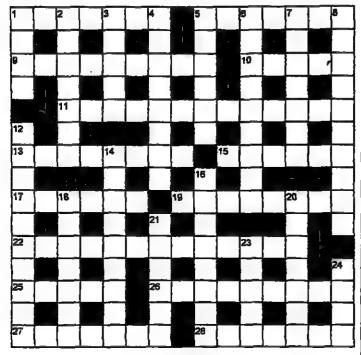
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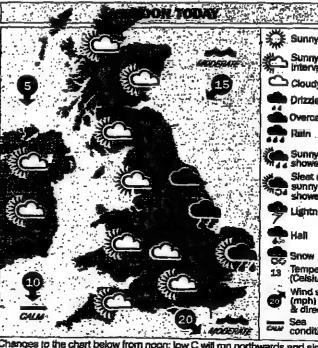
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£225,000 levied on firm by Imro

BY ADAM JONES

SOVEREIGN Unit Trust Managers has been ordered to pay more than £1.2 million into customer funds and to compensate more than 3,000 investors

by a City watchdog. Sovereign, based in Bournemouth, has been fined £225,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation after a series of rule breaches over a sevenyear period. The fine is one of the largest imposed by Imro. A total of 3,370 investors will share com-pensation of £120,000.

Sovereign delegated the running of three funds to another company and then charged two sets of management fees to the trusts themselves.

The double-charging occurred between April 1988 and September 1995. Imro said Sovereign failed to act with due skill care and diligence" because for four of those years it "knew or should have known that three of its unit trusts incorrectly

found to have incorrectly between February 1994 and August 1995. Imro blamed madequate staff training and internal controls. Sovereign has had to pay compensation of £28,000 to 1,471 investors and has paid £81,000 into the unit trusts.

Imro said Sovereign had also failed to "control its internal affairs in a reasonable manner between June 1992 and

Sovereign is owned by Teachers Assurance, set up by the National Union of Teachers in the last century. Teachers is nominally owned by a board of directors, although profits are put back into the company in a similar way to mutual building

About half of Sovereign's customers are teachers and the NUT is a commission-earning.

representative. A Sovereign spokes man said the fine and would be made from thisyear's and last year's profits, without having to raise charges.

Sovereign said it reported the problems itself in 1994. It said the average compensation per inves-tor was £35 and added: The company has taken positive action to strengthen staffing levels and expertise within its administration and control systems." All investors had been compensated by

Since the problems were identified. Sovereign has carried out a thorough review of its accounting and administration procedures and has fully rectified the breaches, the company

Fine of M&S in £192m deal for 19 Littlewoods stores

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

MARKS & SPENCER is to buy 19 of Littlewood's largest high street stores for £1925 million in cash as part of a huge 18 per cent expansion of its UK retail chain.

Up to 1,800 Littlewoods staff, mostly part-timers, could lose their jobs because M&S has given no guarantees that they will be re-employed.

M&S expects the Little

woods stores, many of which are next door or very near to existing branches, to be in profit within three years. Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, called the acquisition an "outstanding opportunity".
The stores will give M&S at

least an extra 600,000 sq ft of selling space, in addition to the 1.4 million so it planned for the next three years.

Littlewoods, which recently abandoned plans to sell its entire 135-store high street chain after failing to agree terms with Kinglisher, said that the stores are being sold at a "substantial premium to book value", believed to be about £82 million.

Keith Oates, deputy chair-man of M&S, said an initial offer for the 19 stores had been made in the spring, when the chain was first put on the market. The offer was revived when the attempt to sell the whole operation failed.

out is set to begin in February. and the stores should reopen as Marks & Spencer between May and September of next year. The stores are in Bath, Belfast, Bromley, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chester, Derby, Edin-burgh, Ilford, Kingston, Leeds, London's Marble Arch. Dudley, Newcastle, Norwich,

Peterborough, Shrewsbury, Watford and Worcester. Where the newly acquired stores are next door to an existing M&S branch, they will be absorbed into the main store. Where they are near by or across the road, the company is likely to put individual departments such as food, menswear or household goods into the new space.



acquisition at the company's annual meeting. He also revealed that in the current year the company will not be making any donations to political parties — last year it contributed £40,000 to the Conservative Party. Sir Richard told sharehold

ers that in the first quarter of the current financial year clothing sales in the UK have increased nearly 10 per cent, led by a strong performance in women's wear. Home furnishings saw sales up 16 per cent. Food sales in the same quarter, adjusted for Easter,

were up 2.3 per cent, and in Sir Richard announced the June and July are running at

3.5 per cent above last year. Deflation has run at 1.5 per cent during the period. Abroad, first-quarter sales in local currencies are 12 per cent higher but the strength of the pound could reduce profits by

some £20 million a year. The reduction in corporation tax announced in the Budget will improve UK aftertax profits by about £20 mil-lion. This will help to offset the effects, still being assessed, of the abolition of the Advance Corporation Tax credit recoverable by pension funds.

After the meeting Sir Richard said that he does not believe retailing is currently

experiencing a boom and will get tougher. "It is just that the good people are doing well." James Ross, chairman of Littlewoods, said that the sale was the first step towards "revitalising the business and reconfiguring the property portfolio". The privately-owned company intends con-centrating its retail business

on smaller clothing stores. It is to change the name of some stores to Berkertex and if the experiment is a success the Littlewoods name could disappear. About 100 stores should remain in the chain.

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NU to make e-mail libel payout

NORWICH UNION, the insurance company, was ordered yesterday to pay £450,000 in damages and costs and issue an apology to a private healthcare group that it admitted libelling by electronic mail, or e-mail.

The settlement breaks new ground as it is the first time a company has received darnages for being libelled by e-mail, and may have far reaching implications for the use of the Internet

The legal action - first reported in The Times followed rumours about the financial viability of Western Provident Association (WPA), a non-profitmaking group that operates in the £2 billion a year private health insurance

WPA discovered the rumours were being spread by staff at Norwich Union's health insurance arm, who had claimed the Department of Trade and Industry was investigating WPA and the group was close to breaching its solvency margins.
In the High Court yesterday

Norwich Union admitted the rumours were false, it said in a statement: "Norwich Union deeply regret and sincerely apologise to WPA for the lissemination of the rumours Norwich Union has made every effort to ensure that such unacceptable practices do not

occur again."

David Sherborne, Norwich Union's counsel, said the insurer deeply regretted and sincerely apologised to WPA for the dissemination of the rumours. It had undertaken not to repeat the allegations.

Julian Stainton, WPA's chief

executive, said he was delight-

ed with the settlement. "People regard electronic mail as a transient medium in that the message disappears into the ether. The reality is that everything you type and send is recorded almost for all time and is available to be reassembled at a later date by the written or spoken word.

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Safety threat Medical safety standards

are under threat because of move to harmonise the regulatory approval of new drugs, according to a

Food for thought

Shares in Somerfield (ell 3 per cent after the supermarkets group, which floated on the stock market a year ago, reported current like-for-like sales growth of just 0.2 per cent. David Simons, chief executive, said that in the first eight weeks of this year food prices fell 1.4 per cent, while volume growth was 1.6 per cent. The shares closed op lower at

Spottiswoode criticises aims of DTI's review

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

CLARE SPOTTISWOODE. the gas regulator, is on a collision course with the Government after criticising its plans to overhaul utility regulation, saying key consumer and environmental measures are unworkable.

Ms Spottiswoode said the

Government's review would be unable to deliver its promises to cut prices for the poor and improve energy efficiency because increasing competition between gas, water and electricity companies meant that the market was taking control. Utilities are no longer the monolithic organisations they used to be," she said "Competition in the gas market has been more revolutionary than was envisaged. What the Government is proposing could have been done ten years ago. It can't be done now." Department of Trade and Industry ministers are understood to be livid with Ms Spottiswoode. Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, has put

the issues of social obligations and the environment at the heart of the review of utility regulation that is intended to improve the balance between customers and shareholders. Ms Spottiswoode does not believe it is possible to support measures such as helping poor people pay for their fuel

or promising energy savings by exerting pressure on companies, such as Transco, the pipeline group, which are not directly connected with consumers. Nor does she think measures to enforce social obligations on companies in

ropriate. She said that when competition was introduced to the gas market, and it is now operating in three areas, no one envisaged it would necessarily lead to lower prices for all customers although the fact that it has is a bonus. She believes support for low-income families and for environmental measures, including energy saving, should come from direct government action rather than through the regu-

Ms Spottiswoode's comments highlight concerns within the untilities that the Government may try to implement its policies via the regulators rather than allow the regulatory regime to function more independently.

latory framework.

Profit-taking pushes pound below DM3

THE pound fell below DM3.00 to close at DM2.9964 yesterday as profit-taking set in after its recent surge to a seven-year high (Alasdair Murray writes).

Rumours of Bank of England intervention fuelled a sell-off. Sterling's tradeweighted index declined by 0.7 to close at 104.7. The stock market also slipped back on profit-taking from Wednes-day's new record high, the FTSE 100 closing down 15.2 points, at 4,949.

The Bank of England has expressed repeated concern about the high level of the pound. But Professor Charles Goodhart, one of the new members of its monetary policy committee, hinted in an interview yesterday that the Bank was still poised to raise interest rates and ruled out any major intervention on the

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Cognac producers threaten action preparing to destroy almost a fifth of Producing Unions, an association of this position," said Sebastien Dathane, their lands in an attempt to stabilise producers, says the arrival of the three the federation's secretary. They don't

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

INDEPENDENT cognac producers are set for a showdown with three of the world's biggest drinks groups, which they hold responsible for a cognac lake large enough to supply global demands for the next seven years. Producers of the French brandy blame Allied Domeon, Seagram and LVMH for stimulating massive over production that has left their region in southwest France facing its deepest crisis in 300 years. Amid widespread

resenument the 9,800 producers are

their lands in an attempt to stabilise

Some farmers want to provoke a showdown with the three groups which, with Remy-Martin, the French firm, dominate the cognac market. They are threatening to refuse to sell their produce below a fixed price.

LVMH, the luxury goods group which is locked in a takeover battle with Guinness and GrandMet, owns Hennessy cognac, Seagram owns Martell and Allied Domeo owns Courvoisier. The Federation of Cognac

producers, says the arrival of the three groups in the region over the last decade has transformed what used to be a "fraternal" market. The price of recent vintages has

fallen to between Fr3,000 (£296) and Fr6.000 for 100 litres of cognac and many producers say they are no longer able to make a living. The region earned Fr9 billion last year, down from Fr10 billion in 1994, even though the volume of sales remains stable, according to the Federation. The big merchants have done everything to get into

think in terms of the region but in terms of their global financial strategy. Decisions are taken in Paris, or New York but not here." But M Dathané added: "We have to take our share of the blame because we have done nothing to stop this. Now we

are having to take tough measures for

the first time in 300 years to improve

the balance of power between ourselves and the merchants."

Halifax triggers loan increases

THE Halifax, the country's biggest mortgage yesterday increased its standard variable rate by 0.25 per cent. to 8.2 per cent, in line with last week's rise in base rates. This prompted an immediate response from Nationwide, the UK's largest building society, which pushed its rate up by 0.35 per cent to 7.85 per cent. its first rise in two months.

Commentators said Nationwide had struggled with a 0.6 per cent gap between it and the Halifax and would be happier with the 0.35 per cent differential. Both moves took immediate effect for existing borrowers but will be charged on new customers from | August A Halifax borrower with an interestonly mortgage of £60.000 will now pay an extra £11.55 a month.

Coke fizzes

Coca-Cola, the world's largest soft drinks company, reported a 25 per cent rise in second-quarter earnings to \$1.31 billion (£785 million) from \$1.05 billion, in spite of a fall in revenues to \$5.07 billion from \$5.29 billion. The company, based in Atlan-ta, attributed the decline in revenues to the consolidation of bottling operations in France, Belgium and eastern Germany, as well as to a stronger dollar. Total unit case volume sales rose 7 per cent in the second quarter, and 8 per cent in the first six months.

Plant closure

Anderson Mining Equip-ment plant in Motherwell, Strathclyde, is to close with the loss of 360 jobs. The American owners, Long Air Dox, based in Virginia. who took over the plant two years ago, have blamed the decision on a downturn in orders.

Rail reward

Gerald Corbett, the former finance director of Grand Metropolitan, will earn £300.000 a year when he akes over as chief executive of Railtrack in September. Mr Corbett, who was unofficially named successor to John Edmonds last month, will take home £50,000 more than his predecessor, matching the salary he commanded at GrandMet. Mr Edmonds, who joined British Rail 37 years ago. is

Microsoft hire

Microsoft plans to hire 3,600 extra staff, expanding its US workforce hy nearly 19 per cent. The software company soid that it was beginning to see a shortage of highquality software developers in the US and was already looking overseas to countries such as freland. India and China.

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Gavin Kaye, left, finance director of Worthington, and Henry Schuldenfrei, chief executive, lined up a 32 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.66 million in the year to end March on sales up 12 per cent to £30 million. The textiles group raised earnings per share by 10.5 per cent to 6.3p and the total dividend for the year rose 12 per cent to 2.8p

EU accord on testing of drugs 'threatens safety'

MEDICAL safety standards are under threat because of the European Union's move to harmonise the regulatory approval of new drugs, ac-cording to a new study backed by the Economic and Social Research Council.

Pharmaceutical groups have been under pressure to cut the cost of drugs sold in European markets. The EU believes that by allowing a drug approved in, say. Portugal to be sold in the UK without having to go through the approval process again. will cut costs.

A similar deal allows drugs approved by the EU to be sold in the US without having to go

TED BAKER, the shirt retail-

er, will be valued at £55.6

million next month in a plac-

ing that will raise £28 million

for Ray Kelvin, who bought

the company out of receiver-

ship seven years ago. Mr Kelvin founded the com-

pany in 1988, but sold out to

through the Food and Drug Administration's length safety

The EU harmonisation has been welcomed by leading drug companies such as Smithkline Beecham and Glaxo Welloame. However, the ESRC report, by John Abraham, of Sussex Univer-sity, and Graham Lewis, of Reading University, suggests that EU member states are competing for pharmaceutical industry funds according to their willingness to give rapid

approval to new drugs.
The authors find that "the whole process lacks proper accountability and some in-

A Goldberg, a Scottish retail

chain, as part of a El.1 million

package. Goldberg then fell

into insolvency, and Mr Kel-

vin bought the company back with venture capital backing

for a sum understood to be

He has already received a

one-off payment of £3 million

in the run-up to flotation, and

will retain a 45 per cent stake

worth £25 million. The company itself is raising £26

Ted Baker has eight outlets

across Britain, including a concession in Harrods, and

last returned profits of £1,02

million on sales of E14.4

million. In the first five

months of this year, retail

sales are 25 per cent ahead.

UK wholesale sales have also

Charterhouse Tilney is plac-

ing 42 million shares at 135p

risen by 85 per cent.

million to fund expansion.

around £700,000.

Ted Baker float

to raise £28m

By Fraser Nelson

very secrecy threatens the progress of science". Under a new system of

mutual recognition introduced two years ago, marketing approvals granted by one national drug regulation agency can be readily extend-ed to other EU territories. The process is overseen by the European Medicines Evaluation Agency, based at Canary Wharf in London.

The report suggests that time pressures are undermining the system of peer review among member states that is intended to act as a safety mechanism. The competition for the right to take on the regulatory assessment of new

SFA orders

broker to

pay £60,000

THE Securities and Futures

Authority yesterday repri-

manded Teather & Green-

wood. The regulator ordered the London stock-

broking partnership to pay a £50,000 fine and £10.000

costs for internal control

and compliance failings in

its corporate finance

The SFA said Teather &

Greenwood had failed to

prevent conflicts of interest

in four share placings. Staff

undertaking corporate fi-

nance activities were also

dealing for private clients.

The SFA also said that it

had failed to keep proper

Eric Kenelm Ford, a part-

ner, was fined £8,000 and

ordered to pay costs of £2,000 for a similar conflict

of interest and record-keep-

ing breaches.

drugs "puts pressure on nat-ional authorities to sell themselves as the fastest in reviewing and approving drugs". Dr Abraham and Dr Lewis suggest that some national agencies are already finding it difficult to carry out proper assessments, and that harmonisation could eventually reduce the number of

The ESRC team also attacks the secrecy of the regulatory process, which prevented them from investigating case studies. The report complains that the regulatory system does not allow independent scrutiny, hampering the dev-elopment of informed policy.

HYDER, the Welsh electricity

and water company, is to hold

talks with the Treasury in a

final effort to reduce its £282 million windfall tax bill.

The company, which says it will pay the tax and will not

mount a legal challenge.

wants to persuade Treasury

officials that the formula that

was used to set the windfall

tax unfairly penalises Hyder. Hyder, which will see its

gearing rise to 200 per cent

after it pays the tax, assured

the market last week that it

would be able to pay the bill and still increase its dividend.

Fears surrounded Hyder's

ability to pay because the

company borrowed heavily

when it was formed from the

takeover of Swalec, the elec-

tricity company, by Welsh

A spokeswoman for Hyder

said: "We think the arbitrary

way in which the tax has been

Clinton threatens **Boeing** sanctions

By George Sivell

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton threatened to impose sanctions on Europe or seek the intervention of the World Trade Organisation if the European Commission (EC) blocked the merger between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, the US air companies.

The US President said, how ever, that a damaging trade war with Europe could "prob-ably" be avoided. Mr Clinton said: There's an orderly pro-cess for our handling this and I think we'd better let the orderly process play itself out before we talk ourselves into a trade war. I think we're a long way from that and 1 think we'll probably avoid it.

"We have a system for managing this through the World Trade Organisation and we have some options ourselves when actions are taken by Europe in this

regard."
The EC votes next Wednes-The EC votes next Wednesday on the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas and has given every indication that it will vote against the merger, while leaving the door open to last-minute negotiations with Boeing. The Brussels line, however, it that any initiative however, is that any initiative to break the deadlock would have to come from Boeing. Meanwhile. McDonnell Douglas reported stronger

second-quarter profits as merger costs were offset by the favourable resolution of state tax issues.

McDonnell earned \$195

million, or 93 cents per share, compared with \$188 million, or 87 cents per share, in the comparable 1996 period. Revenues rose to \$3.6 billion from \$3.3 billion. Profits for the first six months of 1997 fell to \$376 million from \$386 million. while revenues rose to \$6.8 billion from \$6.4 billion. However, earnings per share climbed to \$1.79 from \$1.76,

calculated unfairly penalises

Hyder and we don't think the

Government meant to burden

us in this way. If we can get it

its two companies made good

returns in the four years after privatisation — the period

covered by the windfall tax

A spokesman for the Trea-

sury said: "We will listen to

representations from anyone

over the tax if there is some

thing new to take into account.

but there is a clear leglislative

It is thought unlikely that any company will be allowed

to renegotiate the level of its

tax with the Government

because of the chaos that

would ensue as other utilities

attempted to follow suit and

reduce their share of the £5.2

billion levy, the spending of which is committed.

framework for the tax."

Hyder was hit hard because

reduced we will."

British Steel mounts £155m share buyback

BRITISH STEEL mounted the first share buyback in the company's history yesterday, spending £155 million to repurchase 5 per cent of its equity. The company, which is in the throes of a massive restructuring exercise involving thousands of redundancies, said that it had gone into the

thousands of redundancies, said that it had gone this the market through Cazenove, the broker, because it believed its share price undervalued the business. Cazenove had authority to buy up to 100 million shares at 155p.

The company has a mandate to buy up to 10 per cent of its shares and could move again before next Wednesday's annual meeting when it can seek approval for a another 10 per cent buyback. British Steel shares have been hit by poor contact an exercise and the impact of the strong pound. However, steel prices and the impact of the strong pound. However, American investors remain bullish about its prospects and are now believed to hold up to 35 per cent of the shares, compared with 17 per cent at the start of the year. The shares rose 104 p. to 1594 p. yesterday.

JSC losses deepen

JEFFERSON SMURFIT CORPORATION, the US associate of Smurfit, the Irish paper and packaging company, reported second-quarter losses of \$4 million (£2.39 million) or \$0.4 per share, lifting total losses in the first half to \$11 million. In the first half last year the company reported a profit of \$80 million. JSC blamed a downturn in corrugated container prices, but insisted the losses were lower than expected. Peter Graham, thief executive, said second-half earnings should benefit from an improving market climate, together with strong volume and higher product prices.

Debonair sets price

DEBONAIR HOLDINGS, the low cost airline that flies from Luton, priced its share offering yesterday in the middle of the range that had already been indicated and said that the issue had been three times subscribed. Debonair will place some 5.7 million new ordinary shares at 450p each, raising about £25 million, when it floats on the European Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (Easdaq). Debonair becomes the first British company to be listed solely on Easdaq. Dealings in the shares are expected to begin on Priday, July 25.

News Corp sells stations

THE NEWS CORPORATION, parent company of The Times, is to sell the radio and television stations owned by Heritage Media, the company that News Corp agreed to acquire earlier this year. Heritage's four television stations and seven radio stations will go to Sinclair Broadcast Group, one of the largest broadcasting companies in America, for \$630 million (£377 million), when the Heritage News Corp merger receives regulatory approval, expected in early 1998. Heritage will consist of a coupons and promotional materials business after the TV and radio sale.

Reliance profits fall

PRE-TAX profits at Reliance Security, the security company, fell by from £4.1 million to £3 million in the year to May 2. Earnings declined from 12p a share to 8.9p. Brian Kingham. chairman; said markets were growing and remained competitive. He said: "The experiences of the year under review incline me to caution. Nevertheless, the reduced levels of unemployment with greater recruitment difficulties will bring conditions favouring quality services and our higher wage and benefits policy and should moderate pressure on margins. "The final dividend is 5p (total unchanged at 6.75p).

Tele-cine Cell warning

TELE-CINE CELL, the special video effects company struck by the defection of seven key staff last January, has given warning that it is heading into the red in the first half after failing to replace business contacts that the staff took with them. Although its production division is still trading strongly, it said, the effects studio had still failed to mount a significant recovery, it now plans to scrap the interim dividend. Its shares, which have fallen from 55p since the defection was announced dropped a further 8p to a new low of 294 p.

Nightfreight at new low

SHARES of Nightfreight dropped to a new low yesterday as the parcel delivery company said a breakdown in its central sorting system had left interim pre-tax profits at £805,000 (£1.81 million). Its contract distribution significantly undershot its target for new customers, and suffered a bad debt of £100,000. The shares fell 4p to 322p. David Cobb, chief-executive, promised "to leave no stone unturned" in resorting former profitabity levels. Earnings dropped to 1.04p (2.61p) and the interim dividend, due October 28, from 1.3p to 0.5p.

Fid move by GrandMet

GRAND METROPOLITAN, the food and drink group, expects to recover £33 million in advance corporation tax by peas to recover 2.55 million in advance corporation tax by paying its interim dividend as a foreign income dividend (Fid). GrandMet, which in May announced plans for a £24 billion merger with Guinness, is the latest in a stream of UK companies with substantial foreign earnings to turn to Fids in the wake of tax credit changes made in the last Budget. The 6.25p a share dividend announced by GrandMet in May will be paid on October 6.

Daejan gains value

DAEJAN HOLDINGS, the property group, yesterday reported a rise in net asset value to £16.72 per share at March 31, from £15.32 a year earlier. The value of the company's investment properties rose to £330 million from £320 million. while an external valuation of the group's UK trading properties revealed an excess over book value of £63.6. million. Annual pre-tax profits were £24.5 million, up from \$20.6 million and earnings were 102.6p a share (89p). The total dividend rises to 38p a share from 35p, with a 6p final.

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Phone portability date

Hyder aims to cut

windfall tax bill

By Christing Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

BY ERIC REGULY A SIGNIFICANT barrier to

competition will be eliminated in the mobile-phone market next year when number portability is introduced.

Oftel. the telecommunications regulator, vesterday said Vodafone. Cellnet. Orange and One-2-One will have to make number portability available from next July, "Research has shown that ... allowing number portability is a key factor in enabling the mobile phone market to be-

come fully competitive," it

said. "We found the number of medium to large businesses willing to switch operations would rise from 41 per cent to % per cent if they could keep

The regulator estimated that number portability will save customers about £100 million over the next ten years. Oftel also said the "07" prefix for all mobile numbers will be in place by 2001. ensuring customers know when they are dialling highercharging mobile phones.

OFT yet to signal opinion on Virgin deal

Capital clears first hurdle

BY ERIC REGULY

CAPITAL RADIO'S E65 million takeover of Richard Branson's Virgin Radio was cleared yesterday by the Radio Authority, subject to certain conditions, but cannot be compicted until the Office of Fair Trading concludes its own

inquiry into the acquisition. The Radio Authority said the takenver does not go against the public interest even though it will give Capital some 27 per cent of the London listening audience. When the purchase is completed. Capital will control three London Iicences - Capital FM. Capital Gold (AM) and Virgin FM and one national AM licence. Virgin AM. The authority imposed

three undertakings on Capital. The news services of the Virgin stations will have to be produced and presented sepa-rately from those of Capital. The other two were de-

signed to ensure that there is no programming clash with XFM, the alternative rock music station that is to be laugched in September, Virgin FM's alternative rock output is to be limited to a fifth of its schedule and its relaunch is so be delayed until the end of the year, Virgin FM.

probably will be aimed largely at a rock audience to differentiate if from Capital EM's mainstream pop audience. Chris Parry, XFM's chief executive, said he was pleased

the restrictions were put on Capital but remains fundamentally opposed to the merger on competition grounds. "How can there be diversity in the radio market if so much advertising power is concentrated in one group? he said. With Virgin, Capital's estimated share of commercial

radio advertising in London will exceed 60 per cent.

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A lare Spottiswoode has

good reason to be wary of Margaret Beckett's review

of utility regulation. Under the

mental policy, regardless of whether those policies conflict

with the regulator's other duties.

Back in 1994, when relatively

new to the job, the gas regulator

was subjected to a classic dirty

to dare to refuse to put a levy on consumers' gas bills. Ms Spottis-

woode reckons her job is to get bills down. If ministers want to

put them up, they can levy a tax.

responsibility, a typical good cause. The previous government,

having pledged at the Rio summ-

it to cut greenhouse gas emis-sions, passed the buck to an

Energy Savings Trust to be funded in part by the gas regulator creaming off a sur-charge on bills. Ministers were

angry when the regulator said

no. Labour MPs on the Environ-

ment Select Committee were

committee, to call for a review "to

set out clearer guidelines on the

duties, accountability and re-

sponsibilities of unelected and unaccountable regulators" and review their relationship with

particularly incensed.

The issue was environmental

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The final dividend of 2.8p, due September 15, makes 4.0p for the year, up from 3.3p.

Clare joins battle with Beckett expert guidance of civil servants, it is only too likely to be used to turn nominally independent regulators into tools of depart-

ministers. Mr Caborn is now a minister in John Prescott's colossal Department of Environment. Transport and the Regions.

Ministers have a duty to set policy priorities clearly, not to give regulators contradictory tricks campaign, of a particularly rabid sexist kind. Her crime was instructions that cannot be fulfilled. This becomes transparent things. What is more, responsh he wanted for the operation. He when, as in water, the consumer sibility for poor consumers will hired Barry Gibson from BAA, rival, it should press for a watchdog wanted bills curbed but the environment watchdog wanted more investment

Similar conflicts are built into the drive to competition. On average, competition should cut bills. But competition also stops monopolists forcing wealthier customers to subsidise poor ones. Utility monopolies used cross-subsidies extensively, allowing new competitors to offer big customers a better deal.

Competition in gas supply has been made relatively painless by cuts in the wholesale price of gas. Even so, Ms Spottiswoode had to impose harshly punitive price cuts on BG's Transco pipelines to This was the trigger for Richard Caborn, who then chaired the parallel Trade and Industry stop prices for small and distant users from rising. Such a conflict will soon surface again in electricity. Ministers naturally do not like the idea that competition removes the monopo-list's social responsibility because they are both good



inevitably fall on taxpayers.

Environmental campaigners have pointed out that the cut in VAT on domestic fuel contradicts Tony Blair's promise of much more ambitious cuts in greenhouse gases. No wonder ministers fume at the gas regulator for raising the alarm on attempts to pass the buck to economic regulators. As in 1994, Ms Spottiswoode is right.

Littlewoods gets a goalless result

ames Ross appears to be deciding his strategy for Littlewoods on the hoof. When he came from Cable & Wireless to the Merseyside mud-dle, he said: "Let's sell the retail business and concentrate on leisure and home shopping." Then he found that nobody wanted to pay the £600 million hired Barry Gibson from BAA, and was able to pull a rabbit out of the hat in the form of Keith Oates's desire to pay nearly £200 million for 19 of 135 Littlewoods stores that Mr Oates can then turn into Marks & Spencer outlets. A few sales and leasebacks and the odd property deal should give Mr Ross some more cash to play with. But one fears for the long-term prospects

of his concept to attack the People's Friend reading market

by rebranding the shop as Berkertex — the oft derided

Littlewoods own brand. As for home shopping, the expansion into direct mail through the Index Extra catalogue has been a good move, in spite of the appearances of the business on the BBC's Watchdog programme. But Mr Ross inherited this move and his attempts to buy Freemans from the ailing Sears have been held up by the MMC's summer break. If rival, it should press for a discount on the £370 million price tag to take account of the fact that Freemans has almost certainly deteriorated during the summer. But then Mr Ross risks losing the deal. And then there is the pools operation. Sales have been laid

waste by the National Lottery and there appears no let up, what with the midweek lottery, and the betting shops' 49ers game. The reaction of Littlewoods has been to slash costs — something it should have done years ago and look at expanding overseas. But however hard Mr Ross pushes the pools it cannot be seen as a long-term growth business. Yet it has always thrown off a great deal of cash.

Where does that leave Littlewoods strategy? Not much clearer than when Mr Ross arrived. It still has three businesses and, according to Mr Ross, a structure that allows him to manage the group without the Moores family sticking its oar in. But what is the ultimate game plan? Will Littlewoods remain private, be floated or be sold off piecemeal? Mr Ross believes the businesses have to be run to their best potential before any decision is made. But it is hard to work towards a goal if you do not know what the goal is in the first place.

Virgin on the ridiculous

hris smith, the Heritage Secretary, has said that he wants The Radio Au-thority to be more open and explain its decisions clearly. Well it would be a good idea to start with yesterday's waiving through of Capital Radio's purchase of Virgin Radio, one of its main competitors,

The authority's attitude to Virgin's ownership of a London FM licence has been faulted from the start. At the time there was a highly competitive fight for two FM licences. One went to Heart FM, on the sensible basis that it would give Capital a run for its money. The other went to Virgin, not because it was a strong competitor or because it offered

something significantly different. but because Virgin was struggling to make its national AM licence work. According to Richard Eyre, the outgoing boss of Capital, Virgin's problems were more to do with what it put out over the air than the franchises that it held.

Capital's solution is to buy Virgin so increasing its dominance over commercial radio. But the authority should not let it, It should promote competition. Surely a strong compet-itor -- like France's NRI -- might like to take over Virgin's fran-chise and attack Capital on its home territory of chart music.

Hopefully the Office of Fair Trading will refer this deal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which might then block it. Otherwise this could turn into another of The Radio Authority's foul-ups, on a par with the LBC debacle.

The cognac lake

AS this column pointed out yesterday, the price that Bernard Arnault is demanding to bring détente to the relationship be-tween his LVMH and Grand-Met/Guinness could well be a sticking point. Well it appears that George Bull and Tony Greener are wise to look this particular gift horse squarely in the mouth. A large part of what is on offer from M Arnault is a share of an increasingly deep cognac lake.

Static sales hit shares in Somerfield

By Sarah Cunningham

per cent yesterday after the 'y supermarkets group, which floated a year ago, reported current like for like sales growth of just 0.2 per cent.

David Simons, chief executive, said that in the first eight weeks of this year food pricesfell 1.4 per cent, while volume growth was 1.6 per cent. The shares closed op lower at

In the year to April 26, the company's pre-tax profits nose from 192 million to £105.4: million. On a pro forma basis, converted last year to reach a pre-tax profits were £101.6 million, Like-for-like sales cent, made up of 1.8 per cent inflation and 0.4 per cent

volume decline. Pro forma earnings were 26.6p a share (21.8p). The company will pay a final dividend of 6.8p, making a full-year total of 10.2p.

Earlier this week Somerfield sold 24 smaller stores to Spar at close to their book value of £2 million.

Somerfield, formerly known as Gateway, came to the market last year at 145p a share after twice lowering the

SHARES in Somerfield fell 3 issue price during the run-up to floration.

Stores trading as Somerfield saw like-for-like sales grow 4 per cent last year. Stores converted during the year enjoyed an average sales uplift of 14 per cent, while those still trading as Gateway saw sales drop 5.4 per cent. Food Giant, the discount stores, had an 8 per cent drop in like-for-like

The net operating margin rose from 3.2 to 3.6 per cent. A further 85 Gateways were total of 432 by the year end. Within the next two years, all the Somerfield or Food Giant

stores opened during the year. on Elf petrol station forecourts opened last year. The company is planning to open a further seven stores this year. Investment in sites, systems, conversions and relittings of early Somerfield stores will be between £130 million and £140 million this year.

Stanley races to a record

STANLEY LEISURE, the betting shop and casino group, shrugged off the "Dettori effect" to turn in profits before tax and exceptionals up by more than one third, to a record £20.1 million. Turnover for the year to April 27 rose from £318.1 million to £406.8 million.

Frankie Dettori's unprecedented seven winners in a row at Ascot in September cost Stanley's £2.25 million. This was more than compensated for by acquisitions and other-

wise buoyant racing trading.
The casinos division had a
difficult second half, which held back profits to fil million, just 4.6 per cent ahead. though margins have im-

Etam gives warning over losses

ETAM, the troubled women's wear retailer, gave warning that it expects losses to in-crease in the first half after an anticipated recovery in de-mand in June failed to materialise.

The shares fell 27p to a sixyear low of 1022p, in spite of the company's assurances that aberration, and new data showing a 3 per cent increase in like-for-like sale over the past four weeks.

Lee Ginsberg, finance director, said: "June was disastrous for a number of specialist clothing people, and a lot of this was due to the weather. Although the good ones did really well, it was a difficult market for all of us."

Mr Ginsberg said Etam may seek funds from shareholders via a rights issue to cover the cost of giving its

Antofagasta raising cash to develop mine

By CARL MORTISHED

ANTOFAGASTA Holdings. the Chilean mining and industrial group, is raising £120 million from its shareholders to help to finance the \$1.3 billion (£778.5 million) dev elopment of the Los Pelambres

Antofagasta also announced the sale of a 40 per cent interest in the project to two Japanese consortia for \$256 million. Minera Los Pelambres, in the Chilean Andes, is believed to be the seventh largest copper mine in the

world with reserves estimated at 1.7 billion tonnes.

Philip Adeane, managing director, said the copper project would transform the group. He said: "It will absolutely swamp it. It is going to be producing cash flows of over \$800 million."

Antofagasta is placing 29.2 million stock units at 415p. Mr Adeane said Japanese proceeds would fund the company's 60 per cent stake.

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Profit-taking stops bulls charging through 5,000

level quickly ran out of steam as the profit-takers moved in. leaving share prices nursing small losses at the close.

The FTSE 100 index came within seven points of its elusive target, encouraged by another positive performance overnight on Wall Street that saw the Dow Jones industrial average breach the 8,000 level for the first time.

But by mid-morning the index had seen a reversal of its near 29-point lead and with New York also succumbing to its own early bout of profittaking, attempts at a late rally in London also fizzled out. The index closed 15.2 down at 4,949.0. Total turnover reached 1.1 billion.

City investors continued to chase the banks sharply higher. The gains this time were fuelled by a heady mixture of stock shortages and bid speculation. Once again the star turn was HSBC, up 26 ap at E21.7712 as Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, set a target price of £25 and rival Merrill Lynch one of £24.

NatWest Bank also enjoyed a late flurry, with the price finishing 1912p higher at 89312p as more than ten million shares changed hands. This was in spite of Lehman reiterating its "sell" recommendation.

Whispers around the Square Mile claim Prudential Corporation, ip lighter at 614p, is poised to offer £10.70 a share, valuing the troubled outfit at £18.3 billion. But brokers say the goodwill write-off that would accompany such a move was big enough to put even the most ardent suitor off. An approach by NatWest to Abbey National, up 12p at 891 2p, earlier

this year was rejected.

British Steel jumped 1014p to a high for the year of 15934p on plans to spend £155 million on a share buyback operation. The cash-rich group has asked Cazenove, the broker, to buy back up to 100 million shares

LucasVarity eased 112p to 190p after buying back one million of its own shares. ABN Arnro Hoare Govett, the bro ker, paid 193p for the stock.

ICI rose 11p to 921p despite Dresdner Kleinwort Benson reiterating its "sell" stance. Instead, it has turned its attention to BTP, lp higher at 28312p, Croda, 9p better at 29512p, Laporte, 212p lighter at fillp, and Allied Colloids,



John Whittaker, managing director, and Mike Kershaw, of Stanley Leisure, steady at 31012p despite higher profits

3p off at 118p. Hanson firmed 3p to 29lp after a "buy" recommendation from Charterouse Tilney, the

Marks & Spencer firmed 512p to 59212p after shelling out £1925 million on 19 stores belonging to the Littlewoods chain. A profits warning left Etam, the women's wear retailer, 27p down at 10212p.

Sales fell "substantially" in June, because of the wet weather and will add almost E3 million to first-half losses. Last year losses in the first six months reached £5.76 million.

Plasmon, the optical disk makers, continued to reel from Wednesday's profit warning. with the price tumbling a further 34p to 5812p. That

stretches the two-day deficit to RIGHT POLICY IN RUN-UP TO DIVIDENT

THE insurance sector has been overlooked by inves-tors this year in their clamour to buy the banks. But that could all change soon, says Paul Goodhind, at NatWest Securities, before the interim dividend re-

They got off to a flying start to the year, but have given up since February for no real reason," he says.

Currency factors, funds flowing into the banks and a dull bond market have conspired to depress the insurers. But interim fig-ures next month should

Headline profits will be depressed by currency losses, but dividend growth should average 10 per cent and, on an asset basis, the shares are regarded as cheap. "There is always a run up in the sector ahead the interim season, which should provide some good numbers," Mr

Goodhind adds. He likes Royal SunAlliance, up 17p at 488 p. and General Accident, 4ip up at 9472p. Guardian Royal Exchange, unchanged at 294 p. is also thrown in by NatWest as a speculative play.

setback and a cut in the dividend left its mark on Nightfreight, down 4p at 321 ap. This follows a profit warning in May from the new management

High-flying Micro Focus slumped 14212p to £17.82 on learning of the resignation of Marcelo Gumicio as chief executive after only 18 months in the lob.

The tobacco companies remained a dull market with Gallaher falling 10p to 25112p after ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, trimmed its profit forecast. There were also losses for BAT Industries, 12p to 537'2p, and imperial Tobacco, 2p to 36612p.

A return to the dividend list and increased profits were good for Hi-Tec Sports, 112p

dearer at 3812p.
Shares in Stanley Leisure, the betting shops group headed by Mike Kershaw, chief remained changed at 31012p despite raising the pre-tax profits from £14.8 million to £19.4 million and the total dividend from 3.325p to 4.0p.

Two newcomers on AIM made headway on their debut. Pycroft & Arnold were placed at 55p and touched a high for the day of 6412p before settling at 571 p, a premium of 21 ap. Helicon Publishing was placed at 125p by Henderson Crowthwaite, the broker, and ouched 135p before settling at 12612p, a premium of 112p.

[] GILT-EDGED: There was a further flattening of the yield curve as longer dated issues easily outperformed the shorter end of the market. Dealers said the longer end was benefiting from the strong pound and the increasingly favourable เกมีation profile Indec linked also performed well and the Bank was able to

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New blend of Steel A GREAT sigh of resignation seemed to emerge from British Steel's Millbank headquarters as it instructed its broker to purchase 100 million shares. Rude analysts have been

pointing fingers at British Steel's £700 million cash pile for some time. However, the decision to return capital to investors has more to do with the state of the pound than a sudden conversion to balance sheet orthodoxy. Gordon Brown's decision to redefine the

price of debt versus equity in the last Budget may have had some influence. Debt now looks a cheaper funding option for highyielding companies like British Steel as the removal of the dividend tax credit may force them to raise payout levels. But the real issue is the rating of the shares, which British Steel thinks is too low. Yesterday's buy-back should enhance earnings by about 3 per cent and the amassed almost a third of the company's

British Steel is now competing in Europe with a millstone around its neck - the price of its product is some 25 per cent dearer in currency terms, endangering more than £2 billion of steel exports. More worrying than that is the possible damage to the domestic market. British Steel makes about 60 per cent of the steel consumed in this country and its market share has held, but its customers, too, must export their products. Faced with the same pricing problem there must be a temptation to set off the currency appreciation by sourcing raw material abroad. If British Steel begins to lose customers in the UK, its profits could disappear altogether.

Somerfield

SOMERFIELD was in such a poor state when the current management took over that a bit of prudent gardening. could only lead to improvement. Yesterday's results show the net operating margin has nudged up from 3.2to 3.6 per cent and sales per square foot are on the increase. However, Somerfield will struggle to maintain the

Somerfield is making some progress growing the top line with its programme of converting old Gateways into new Somerfields. While the old stores had declining like-for-like sales of 5.4 per cent last year, the reborn Somerfields increased their sales by 4 per cent.

But the conversions, and the resulting increase in revenue will run out within the next two years. This leaves

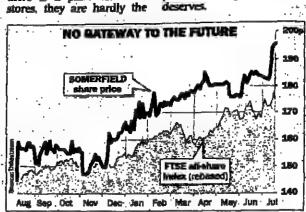
future of the industry and doubts about how Somerfield will continue to grow the top line. There are also long-term concerns about Somerfield's formula. Unlike the big supermarket operators, such as Tesco and Asda, Somerfield concentrates on neighbourhood,

high street shops. While

there is a place for these

they tack the economies of scale that provide Somerfield's rivals with bigger

Somerfield is trading on a multiple of only 7 times earnings but after a year at this sort of level, and given the less than exciting prospects, it may



Stanley Leisure

GAMBLING is risky, even if you own the betting shop who could have predicted Frankie Dettori's winning streak? However, Stanley Leisure has come up with a successful formula for balancing out the fluctuations inherent in the business.

it has done this through lottery-style games such as 49's and betting on the irish lottery, which between them account for 3.5 per cent of turnover, while the advent of fruit machines added almost £2 million to the bottom line.

Leonard Steinberg, Stanlev's wilv chairman, is keen on acquisitions and is watching to see what fails out of buying the chain.

Then there are the potential benefits to be derived from the next stage of gaming deregulation - worth an extra £6 million to Stanley profits, according to analysts - and there is a suggestion that the new Government is

set to scrap the ban on betting on the National Lottery.

It all sounds impressive. But it could be at least 2000. before the full deregulation benefits are felt, and there are worries that current-year racing division margins are slightly down when numbers games margins are so good.

Predicted pre-tax profits this year of £25.25 million would put the shares on 19.7 times earnings, a 25 per cent premium to the market... High enough.

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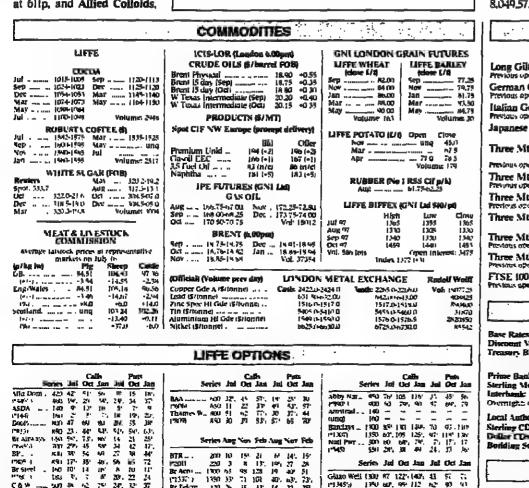
THE stock market will soon have to take a closer look at Antofagasta, Once dismissed as a hizarre play on the Chilowns a railway that transports copper ore from the Atacama Desert and has a major banking group. Yesterday, however, the company put into place the final pieces of a huge investment

in a copper mine. By the end

of the century, the \$1.3 billion Minera Los Pelambres will dwarf Antolagasta's other activities, and the company has done a clever deal with two Japanese trading houses that enables it to secure funding for the project without losing control of the lion's share of the equity. In addition, the Japanese investors have agreed long-term projects to buy just over half of the mines output over a period of 12 years.

The Los Pelambres mine should be highly profitable; the anticipated cash cost of production of 43 cents per pound is low compared with a copper price yesterday of 109 cents per pound, and suggests that it should weather well. Investors who buy to-day will have to wait for the payoff as production does not start until 2000 but by then Antofagasta might be looking at a demerger of its min-

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Shares to slide down 'slope of hope'

Markets have scaled the wall of worry) and conditions

> favour a downturn

s I am about to spend my building society windfall on an exotic shall be safe from disgruntled readers' brickbats, I shallstray this week from the normal economic subjects into the dangerous territory of financial soothsaying that I usually reserve for the first

Some of the forecasts that I made in January have as usual been wrong, while others have been broadly right. All the leading currencies have moved in the way expected. although the scale of the rise in sterling has exceeded the most bullish projections (and, I now believe, will continue to exceed them in the months ahead).

European interest rates, on the other hand, have completely confounded my forecasts, I.. assumed in January that investors would shun continental bond markets as they began to recognise that European monetary union would produce the weakest and most erratically managed currency. in the world.

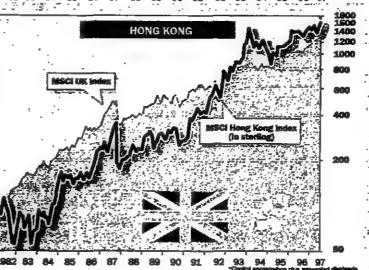
Instead, European savers have been shovelling money not only into German, French, Italian and Spanish bonds, but even into such far-fetched "convergence opportunities" as the bonds of the Slovenian Government, some of which now yield less than half a percentage point more than US Treasury obligations of the

The main financial questions on people's minds this: week, however, are not about currencies or bonds. They are about the records being set show that British investors almost daily by stock markets around the world. Will this sensational performance continue? Or does it presage an equally dramatic collapse?

Nobody knows, but a number of pointers suggest that, Fior the first time since January 1995, the risks of staying in these markets may now be greater than the risks of missing out on the next leg up.

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depends on Wall Street. People concentrate on Wall Street. by historical experience or by who think that American financial and economic theory.

investing in German or French shares are deluding themselves. If Wall Street crashes, so will every other market from Amsterdam to Hong Kong.
The extraordinary synch-

ronicity of all equity markets, apart from Japan, is illustrat-ed in the four charts. These would have achieved the same returns in the long term whether they kept their money in London or sent it to New York Frankfurt or Hong Kong. Experience also shows that short-term changes of directions such as the 1987 crash and the 1995-97 boom. have generally occurred in all of these markets at the same

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For the past two years I have disagreed with most financial commentators about Wall Street. Since January 1995, I have argued in this column that Wall Street was far from overvalued and would reward investors with impressive

My reasons for optimism were simple. The US economy rapid growth with high profits and low inflation, similar to the 1950s and 1960s. American companies looked competitive and the dollar was at the start of a secular bull market. Share valuations looked cheap in 1995 and were still attractive last year - at least to an eye unclouded by the obsession of British actuaries with

The almost unanimous view. formula for a long buil market that share prices would autowith no serious corrections. The first point to note is that . In speculating about the matically start falling the mother fate of all leading stock. likely direction of world stock ment that interest rates started Because investors are so sceptical, they are constantly to rise was unjustified either underinvested. Every time the

market falls back a little, the numerous investors who are in short, the economic dikicking themselves for missmate was about as good for ing out on the last advance, equities as it could be. Invesjump at the chance to get into tors, however, refused to the market. Instead of baling believe in this "new era". They out in panic, as the experts were equally sceptical about a keep predicting, investors iump in with more money return to the postwar golden age of full employment and than ever as soon as they see stable prics. Instead, they were the slightest sign of recovery. In traders' parlance, the marconstantly seeking evidence of

> what it has done since 1995. By the start of this year however, some of these propitious conditions began to change. With the Dow Jones industrial average at 6,600 (and the FTSE 100 index just above 4.000) equity prices in relation to GDP were still below their absolute records, but were near levels which had usually presaged big falls.

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At the same time there were signs that professional investors were becoming more bullish — an alarming indicator,

getting the markets wrong. For these reasons, among others, I suggested in January that 1997 might prove to be the first disappointing year for equity investors since 1994. The dreaded crash was still implausible, since the main stock markets were not yet seriously overvalued - unless the markets advanced considerably further in the first half

A reasonable, but unexciting, forecast for 1997 was that Wall Street would end about where it started after a year of directionless range-trading. I did, however, suggest an alternative scenario which could lead to the same destination, but by a more exciting route. The route I proposed was a boom-bust cycle - a rapid gain of 20 per cent or so in the first half of the year, followed by an equally abrupt fall. We are halfway through the year and the rapid ascent has

world. Ironically, Ireland is one of the few European

countries that meets all the

other criteria set down by the

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For the moment that is of

FTSE are both up 21 per cent since December 31 and other European markets have moved roughly in parallel. The question now is whether we will see the second phase of this boom-bust cycle, producing the first serious decline in

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equity prices since 1990. My suspicion, for what it is worth, is that the conditions for such a serious setback may finally be in place. Share prices in relation to GDP are still below the peaks hit in late 1969 and 1972, but are higher than they have ever been apart from those two years. Investor sentiment, meanwhile, seems to be shifting.

fter climbing the wall of worry for more than two years, the market finally seems to be getting complacent. The scope for big profit gains, either from above-trend economic growth or from expanding margins, is more or less exhausted. The technology, restructuring and globalisation stories have all been hyped ad nauseam. The professional investors who have been unremittingly bearish throughout the bull market are finally becoming more relaxed.

The latest Merrill Lynch-Gallup survey of US investment managers, responsible for \$1,600 billion of funds between them, shows bulls outnumbering bears by a margin of 30 per cent — the highest such reading since February 1996. British, European and Japanese managers are also less sceptical than they have been at any time since early

The reason is not hard to understand. In March, the market suffered a 10 per cent swoon and numerous pundits predicted (as usual) that this was "the Big One". But prices rebounded even faster than they had fallen. Instead of the widely predicted panic sales by retail investors, the March setback inspired a buying panic by professional fund managers. As prices have soared through new records almost daily, many of Wall Street's most prominent sceptics have been forced to reconsider their bearish positions and to start admitting that the hopes of a "new era" may after all be justified.

To return to the traders' evocative jargon, the market may finally have climbed to the top of the wall of worry. If so, then investors should prepare for the next phase of this year's exciting journey — a slide down the "slope of hope".

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Even worse, they point out, this scenario could lead to

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authorities have decided to opt

for the old policy of "wait and

see what happens to sterling".

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BUSINESS **LETTERS**

Pensioners well served

From Mr Geoffrey Wilson Sir, As an actuary whose clients have been using simple tracker pensions for years, I welcome the Office of Fair Trading's advocacy of these. But I consider the criticism of the pensions industry (July 16) to be excessive and often misguided. The UK has the best

record in Europe (and probably the world) in providing secure, funded, pensions for more and more of its citizens. Those retiring today are immea-surably better-pensioned than their predecessors, and those retiring in future years will do even better. We have no demographic time-homb, unlike our European Union partners. Of course all is not perfect, together with government. caring employers, and prudent employees, deserves credit, not easy jibes.

The biggest problem is sions advice - how much to contribute, which plan to choose. In a leader some years ago. The Times came up with the solution: plan members should be able to authorise payment from their fund for pensions advice, and not have advice fees bundled up with sales, investment and other charges. This change, and other sensible simplifications, can be introduced gradually. I am suspicious of ideas for a radical restructuring of the pensions industry, which could too easily throw out the baby with the bathwater.

Lastly, I fear the day when all pension funds are trackers - the stock market will then be at the mercy of rogues and City slickers. We need a number of independent fund managers willing to accept the responsibilities of ownership of company shares but to survive, they need

to earn our respect. Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY WILSON. Baldhorns Park, Rusper, West Sussex.

Tracking for safety

From Mr John D. Harsant Sir. The statistics compiled by those who measure the performance of pension fund managers have demonstrated for some years the validity of index tracking. Not only does index tracking remove much of the cost of investment, it also removes the greatest risk - the judgment of the

investment manager.
Thus, it is now possible, through the tracker funds, to invest in the economy as opposed to individual companies. It is plainly obvious that in the past such investment has been of greater advantage than in fixed interest. I hold that for real safety investment should be in the economy, not in fixed-interest securities.

A potential problem would arise if tracker funds were to take such a large share of the market that normal dealing would be reduced to such a level as to damage the normal pricing process. Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. HARSANT, Harsant Services Limited. 321 Pensby Road.

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Irish punt soars too high for its own good

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Dublin pub much frequented by the city's economists, is decrying the attention grab-bing antics of the Irish

"It's like a medallion man. strutting its stuff all over the place," said one commentator. who added that if the punt did not quieten down, it could get itself kicked out of its favourite hunting ground - the exclusive club of serious EMU contenders. Over the past week, the punt has threatened to do what most analysts

thought was virtually impossi-ble just four years ago. it has come close to breaking the very wide band limits set down for the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) in August 1993 after the European cur-

Then, the original 2.25 per But earlier this week, the punt was pushed up to almost 13 per cent above the grid's weakest currency, the French

rency crisis.

cent fluctuation band in the cent band, which its architects hoped was so wide that it would ensure a smooth run-in to the introduction of the euro.

Its strength could jeopardise its prospects in EMU and the options are limited, says Eileen McCabe

franc. Under ERM rules, if the punt breaches the 15 per cent limit, then Ireland's Central Bank must intervene to try to bring the currency down. It could also opt for a revalua-tion within the grid.

The embarrassment of the Irish authorities over the punt's antics within the ERM is compounded by the fact that its upward surge is entirely due to the recent strength of

sterling. This highlights once again the fundamental problem of a currency with ambitions to be a founding member of EMU, but which is inextricably linked in the minds of many market players with

non-ERM sterling. The markets, as usual, are half right. For most of its history, Ireland has played the role of being little more than a satellite of the British econo-

my. Even after the widespread reforms of the 1960s, some 65 per cent of all of the republic's external trade was with Britain.

But in the past decade, all has changed. The recipient of massive US investment capital, Ireland has reduced the proportion of its trade with Britain by half. Now just 35 per cent goes to Britain and 65 per cent to the rest of the

manoeuvre is limited. They could revalue the punt within the grid so that its current central parity rate against the

mark of DM2.41 is closer to its current market rate of just below DM2.70. However, many economists say such a move could prove disastrous over the longer term. They

events in the real world, the analysts had the best weather, and the fund

managers were rained on. Ronnie tells me he has already, at 60, started the process that will eventually lead to his retirement. Every Friday he stays at home and communicates by fax and phone with the office. This sensible arrangement - designed to ensure that John Napier, the managing director, has at least one day a week to run the business with the boss out of his hair - will soon be expanded to take in Mondays. "But I will still be non-executive chairman of this company when I am 70." Frost assures me.

MARTIN WALLER



Hays: the countdown

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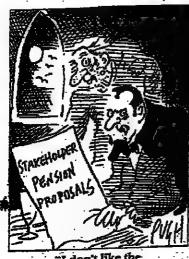
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Very fair shares

generous lot, I see, Henry Casley, who stepped down as chief executive of Southern Electric last September, was able to take away 21,062 shares in the group, worth more than 170,000. These were due under the long-term incentive plan, which was not supposed to pay out until September 1999: As Casley is now a non-executive, he is not actually entitled to them, but what are rulesfor, anyway? And now he has joined the remuneration committee he can



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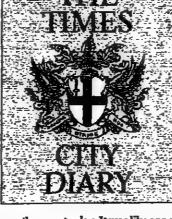
does not happen again.

• THE increasingly eccentric Mich-

ael Hardern, the freelance butler who would like to run the Nationwide, has set his heart on another building society as well. Clad in a yellow hooded towelling robe and leather slippers — Hardern has been taking an experimental approach to his apparel of late - he marched into a branch of the Britannia in Kingsway, London, and up to a pio-ture of John Heaps, the chief executive, which hangs on the wall above a message emphasising the building society's commitment to mutuality. He requested that staff ring Heaps and ask how much he wanted for the society. Hardern then invited the tellers to work for him once he is running the Nationwide. He was treated with great courtesy even though, as my informant points out, he is not actually a member of the Britannia.

Boarded up

UP.THE junction and into the siding that time forgot. The railways may be shattered into a hundred pieces, but British Railways Board lingers on, like the smile on the Cheshire cat, in an office block in Euston. A colleague



was there yesterday. It was like one of those films set the day after the end of the world. There are no trains left and no track, but British Railways Board cannot legally be put down except by Act of Parliament, and the Government has other priorities. So seven floors are still occupied, if only just. A few people wander to and fro. doing I know not what. John Welshy. the chairman, is guaranteed a chauffeur-driven Jag and a salary. £270,000 last year, until 1999 and free rail travel for life. The canteen still offers soup for 29p and cappuccino pudding for 30p. Life goes on.

Pitch battle

THE invites are going out for this year's Reuters rugby sevens at Rich-days. This year, in an inversion of

mond Athletic Ground on September 28, and 32 teams are again required from City firms. This year marks the tournament's quarter century, and the 25th year, too, that it has been organised by Keith Sheppard, with Hoare & Co until 1988. Reuters is sponsoring the event,

which attracts a couple of thousand spectators, for the third year. Sheppard wants to establish contact with members of the original Lloyds Bank team that first won the event in 1973. so any of them reading this is especially welcome. Try to get along - it is worth it not least for the long-running and in no way friendly rivalry between bond traders Cantor Fitzgerald and Intercapital. The past couple of years they have missed meeting each other on the pitch, and deprived spectators and the paramedics in attendance of a treat.

Frost, sun, rain

TO THE Thames, and the sailing barge Cabby, property of Ronnie Frost's Hays. I had never made the link between the Hays Galleria on the south bank of the Thames and this services company which in fact used to own it, but there is still the odd Hays warehouse on the Thames. The barge, Hays property since time immemorial and a veteran of Dunkirk, is normally rented out, but every year Ronnie takes a couple of parties, of analysts and fund managers, down the Thames on consecutive

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Lyric Studio, King Stoet,
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Opens toroight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat,
8pm; met Sat, 4.30pm. Until August 9 (5) ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF: Coinciding with the BBC Proms' opening right in London the Welsh Proms season locks off hero tonight with a concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in a programme of Strauss, Ruchmannov and Tchairovsky, Tomorrow the BBC

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actors singers take us through the life of the King, with Michael Dimen playing the mature Elvis. Strictly for taris.

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NEW RELEASES



A daily guide to arts complied by Marit Hargie

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First Night of the Proms

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CINEMA GUIDE

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is a chance to hear the a cappella group Sweet Honey in The Rock. The concluding event (Sunday, Town Hall, 7.30pm), is a concert by the BBC Tadaaki Otaka Box Office: (01242 227979) CHESTER: As part of the loans is combine when sopraru Lesley Garrett
and lenor Bonsverstura Bettene arrivo
in town for an averaing of operatic
delights. With the Manchester Camerala
and the Chestre Festival Chorus under

Peter Robinson they perform golden lavourities including the Chorus of the Halbring Minum and Mostan charma. Grosswaper Park (01244-320 700/341 200) 730pm CILYNDEDOURNE: Androw Dates conducts La Comia Ory, Rossin's ic odera set at the bine of the Crusades. This new production marks the UK opera debut of Jorome Sevary. ave umorkoomedian and univois clima of Lo Thildes Nationals do Challot in

and Many Carewe, perform Berlin Cabaret songs from the 1920s and 1930s. At the semo bree, at the Phylio Pump Room, the Tailance Chaintet plays: Brahms, Dutileux, and Becthoven Tomorow, at the Town Half (8pm) there is a channel to beet the a carendal.

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dramatist is that he convinces you the even if he is writing about matters of no huge moment. By that test, Simon Block is destined for great things. In his first play, Not a Game for Boys, his subject was the heavy fallout of emotion in a London ping-pong league. In his latest, a young chap takes pity on one of those salesmen who drop cards through your door offering free estimates for doubleglazing and so on - and the result put me in such a state of anxiety it took real effort not to leap onstage and halt Gemma

Chimps Hampstead

Bodinetz's production before it boiled my brains.

Perhaps it was just the embattled bourgeois homeowner in me that felt threatened by the sustained assault Block shows. But surely he touches a more visceral dread of invasion, manipulation and loss of control. Though the play is not as accomplished as Glengarry Glen Ross or The Birthday Party, it put me in mind of both. It is as if Mamet's property sharks had joined Pinter's amorphous hitmen in an attempt to dominate and fleece.

What seems to be at stake is some unspecified sum over £10,000. That is what it will cost Darren Tighe's Mark, an illustrator ineptly putting together a children's book, and Ashley Jensen's Stevie, his pregnant partner, to cover their allegedly disintegrating house with silicone-based wat-

Ashley Jensen (Stevie), Nicholas Woodeson (Lawrence) and Darren Tighe (Mark) in Simon Block's fine Chimps flage as everything else. Gatrust, mutual respect and the brief is slick, and ruthless future of a relationship that, as Block deftly suggests from the about exploiting liberal attitudes to his colour, he is start, is less soundly based actually testing out Lawrence, The two salesmen are Nicha redundant poulterer whose olas Woodeson's Lawrence, moral qualms sometimes white and middle-aged, and threaten to overcome his com-

> die policy. The plot has one weakness,

mitment to the firm's self-or-

erators throughout, Mark must be excessively credulous. weak, malleable and disloyal to her. Yet Block does much to answer this objection: first by emphasising the young man's immaturity; secondly, by dramatising salesmanship at its willest. Lawrence makes some hilarious blunders, but Gabriel is there to correct

flattery, quasi-science, guilt-

remains opposed to these op-

mongering, and divide andrule. If the walls of Jericho had been painted with their product, it seems, they would have withstood Joshua's trumpet.

BENEDICT

As I write, there is an ad on my doormat offering loft-conversion "at knock-down prices". No, I don't think I will be taking up the offer.

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Fraser James's Gabriel, black

and young. They present

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novel as long, broad, deep and rich as Thack-Leray's master work --746 pages in my copy — can be trimmed for the stage in various ways, the most obvious one being to cast professional actors in the dozen essential roles and set them within the necessary affluent

or impoverished interiors. Plot is emphasised as some characters speed up the social scale, others hurtle down; some hit the ceiling and fall, a few strike the floor and bounce up. If Thackerav's unillusigned narrative voice cannot be turned into dialogue its gist may be indicated through subtleties of performance. If neither of these is done, the author's commentary disapears, which inevitably is the fate of most of it, anyway. Michael Birch's Commun-

ity Company production at the West Yorkshire Playhouse has taken a different route to the stage. Thirty-five local performers have worked with Birch during the past two years, using an adaptation by David Nobbs that gives them all a speaking part. For the rest of the time they are in a white-clad chorus whose movements express, comment

Vanity Fair Leeds

upon or adorn the plot advancing in their midst. Collectively they are known

as "managers of the performance", picking up Thackeray's description of himself as he surveyed his parade of social go-getters. He also called his characters puppets, and Birch develops this image into the huge, usually caricatured figures, each identifiable with a single character, that trundle into view whenever that character speaks.

Thus we have a 20ft Miss à candle; a Jos Sedley elephant: an Amelia wedding cake; a polished marble bust for Becky Sharp.

These are witty creations and what the chorus does with them can hint at what the speakers dare not say or. being amateurs, cannot manage to convey. When worthy Dobbin is broaching the deli cate matter of his feelings for Amelia the chorus treads tightropes around them although in this case the two principals are among the select band whose voice and deportment make a valuable contribution to their roles. in particular, the shockhaired Lyndon Marquis con-

veys the sweet silliness of

Amelia by letting his bare

arms curve demurely down in front of him. Male gender does not exclude a player from a female role, nor vice versa. Paul Ratcliffe's fat and flummoxed Jos is another neat performance, whereas Nailah

Tyre's essays at Becky's deceits lack subtlety. But reviewing amateur performances is an unenviable task. Where Birch's two years

of work have significantly paid off is in the beautifully iluia movements of the choru their ingenious and copiously detailed mime and the speed and elegance of their regrouping. Individuals weave between one another, shifting from support to disapprova and then disintegrating to pursue personal concerns. Of course, great chunks of the book vanish and what remains is savagely simplified, but the charus does show

that pass away. JEREMY KINGSTON

us the busy dance of things

Pagan v priest c rom almost any angle, The Wuffings is a madly

epic endeavour. On a 90ft-wide cement stage covered by 21 tons of sand in the largest potting shed in Europe, Kevin Crossley-Holland and Ivan Cutting stage a 7th-century power struggle between an Angio-Saxon royal family and the first Christian missionaries. Presented in partnership with the Year of Opera and Music, the Eastern Angles' production is infused with pastoral and folk melodies that owe more to the Sixties than the 600s.

That it seems inspired as much by Shakespeare as by Beowulf is par for the course. do with tribal politics than religion. If Raedwald Wuffing is to become High King, he has to kowtow to Rome. Stephen Finegold's disgrantled. charismatic king decides to play a subtle but dangerous percentage game.

Thanks to Carrie Thomas's Lady Macheth-like performance as Edith, the battle between the Woden-worshippers and the gospel-mongers is dramatically uneven. The Christians come across as slippery creeps who "spread

guilt like dung" and the Angles monopolise the richest spiritual experiences. My only serious gripe is that Crossley-Holland depends

rather more on allegory than on action. What keeps the whole thing alive is Fred Meller's pagan theme park and some canny performances, notably Alastair mances, notably Cording's wonderfully shifty priest. Tom Marshall puts up stout resistance as Raedwald's hard-line poet and adviser, £ Lof. And Melanie Barker has singing voice as Edith's benev-

At times it can be a little too domestic for its own good. But you can't help but be thrilled by the obligatory battle scene. cued by a blacksmith who turns a tub of water into sizzling steam with a sheaf of red hot swords. It is undeniably one of the most eccentric cultural experiences you will see this summer.

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Furious assault on the senses

t is natural that Gerald Barry, their country's most prominent composer, should be asked to write a work for the Irish Chamber Orchestra, Yet I couldn't help wondering, as they scraped and scratched their way through La Jalousie tacitume in their Wigmore Hall concert on Tuesday night, whether the players didn't just occasionally wish they had landed something more grateful to play.

The piece takes the form of a grotesque parody of two Chopin waltzes: Op 64 No 2 in C sharp minor and Op 69 No 1 in F minor. First and second violins and violas are divided into 12 parts, playing an identifiable Chopin strand in unison, but at a semitone's distance from the instrument above and below. The opening is marked double fornssimo and "furiously", and there is no let-up in

the assault on the senses. .. The resulting eacophony might have gone down well at an undergraduate concert in the Seventies, but the joke - if that is what it is - wears thin rather sooner than the 100-odd bars (plus repeats) over which it is extended.

Rarely has Mendelssohn seemed such balm to the ears. The String Symphony No 8 in D was given an

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performance, but it calmed frayed nerves. Under Fionnuals Hunt's direction the orchestra produces a generous tone, and even if ensemble is less than razor-sharp, it is well co-ordinated, Internal balances are nicely judged, dialogues emerge with clarity and the counter-

point is muscular. Much the same virtues were evident in Haydn's Violin Concerto in C, where the soloist was the experienced Franco Gulli. How-ever, an 18-piece orchestra is a little overwhelming in the Wigmore Hall and textures were rather muddier than is

In Bach's Double Concerto in D Minor - in which Hunt and Gulli were the soloists the problem was accentuated, and one felt the need for more stylish phrasing. A vigorous sweep is all very well, but one begins to long for a dancing lightness that is impossible if all the beats of the bar have the same

> BARRY MILLINGTON

Sensation-seeker

t would have been useful if, in place of a lew of the many words spoken about the music in Joanna MacGregor's recital, someone had played a 1940s hit called Laura. Any member of the audience who couldn't remember it felt at a disadvantage in attempting to come to terms with Stephen Pratt's latest plano piece, The Song Within.

Commissioned by the Chester Summer Music Festival to mark the composer's fiftieth birthday and dedicated to the festival's artist-inresidence, Joanna Mac-Gregor, The Song Within is based on David Raskin's Laura. The song remains within, however, "just peep-ing through in flashes", Pratt ITES US. At the begint however, between the detached notes produced at the extremes of the keyboard, there is a gaping hole and nothing to peep through. If it had been in the next main section, a virtuoso planist's kind of boogle-woogle, it would have been crushed beyond recognition under the heavy ostinato wheels. So it must have been in a later passage, which has room for vrical phrases and offers more than a few of them.

Individual speculations of this kind might have been all wrong, but the exercise of

forming them did at least focus attention on every event in a many-sided piece. The Song Within is also most effectively written for the plano. The planist confessed that she had been working on it since Febru-ary, but the thrilling quality of the first performance in Chester Town Hall indicated, surely, that she considered the effort worthwhile.

Joanna MacGregor is nothing if not thrilling. Well, that does overstate the case: her interpretation of Noctus, the first movement of Ravel's Miroirs failed to capture the fitful, unpredictable motion of the piece. But where she took large-scale technical risks, as in Une Barque sur l'océan or Alborada del Gracioso in the same Ravel set, she secured the more immediate response. As for her treatment of Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata, it was a matter of intense rhythmic motiva-tion, with an overall effect somewhere between the sensational and the spectacular.

GERALD LARNER

Isabel Carlisle on the Tate's tribute to the troubled 18th-century painter Francis Towne

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Misfit finds his niche

There is a history of art that will never be written. It tells of the artists who failed to make an impact because they fell between one style and another, or who were important for their influence rather than for their

Many of them were innovators who never quite pulled it off, but who a century or so on can be seen as missing pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. The 18th-century English watercolourist Francis Towne was one of these, and the Tate has made him the subject of an exhibition, the first in the Clore Gallery to deal with an artist other than Turner.

Towne was in many ways a failure. He was one of the first English artists to make the journey to Italy and paint out of doors, but unfortunately he did so in 1780-81, while the English were fighting the French and the flow of Grand Tourists who might have bought his views of Rome, Tivoli and Naples dried up. He was much better in watercolour than in oils, but when applying to become an Associate of the Royal Academy only oil paintings could be submitted. He was rejected ten times. He survived on the regular income that he made as a provincial drawing master, based in Exeter, but was desperate to be known as a landscape painter.

Towne's real problem was that, caught between Classicism and Romanticism, his paintings (the oils

6 He was one of the first English artists to travel to Italy and paint out of doors **9**

especially) lacked conviction. His style was based on the great classical painters Gaspard Poussin and Claude, but he visited Switzerland with Rousseau's Romantic ideas about the sublime in nature buzzing in his head. In painting the Alps and the Italian countryside not as settings for historical or mythological scenes, but as views in their own right, Towne was ahead of his time. However, his dogged insistence on distinguishing visually between a sketch and a finished work by inking the pencil lines of the sketch back on top of the watercolour reduces them to the appearance of illustrations from a painting-by-numbers kit.
This troubled misfit who never rose

to be a star was also an innovator whose example made it possible for other artists, such as his contemporary Thomas Jones, to make of Towne's ideas what Towne never could. Towne's journey to Switzerland in 1781 to paint the Alps had no precedent, because very few artists had dared to copy those terrifying mountains before. Going over the Spingen Pass on August 29, Towne made at least nine drawings and then headed for the source of the River Arviron near Mont Blanc. The vertical watercolour that records the view of the tiny stream emerging from its cave of ice in the glacier at the bottom of the page, and the peak of Mont Blanc just visible behind huge mountain masses shaded in blues and greens at the top, is one of Towne's best.

Towne was also unique in his interest in the changeability of light. Not until Constable did another English artist paint the same place at different times of day. Three sketches Towne made of the Colosseum in the



chiaroscuro effect of shade and sun is there, the colour is so muted and the light so weak that there is barely a sensation of being in Italy. Towne was more successful at Ambleside in

specific moment in time and the movement of sun and clouds to a

Towne did not have much success in securing commissions on the basis

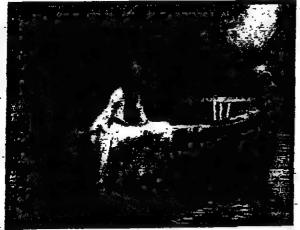
watercolour, dated 1780, of The Bity of Naples with Capri in the Distance. the landscape looks parched and brown, lit by a setting sun. The reflective, melancholy mood might have appealed to Towne, the proto-

Towne may never be rediscovered as a great artist, but his place is secure as an original one.

• Francis Towne is at the Tate's Clore Gallery (017)-887-8000) until September

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You will be able to see a selection of 100 works of special interest, two rooms of Victorian and Pre-Raphaelite paintings and Henry Tate's Gift, which tells the fascinating story of the gallery's foundation, with a display of works from the original collection. Among these originals you will see the beautiful oil painting The Lady of Shalott (above) by artist John William Waterhouse.

The current major exhibition at the Tate focuses on the work of the leading American painter Ellsworth Kelly whose observations of the real world are transformed into abstact works of the greatest possible purity of colour, line and form

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CHANGING TIMES

Deft rather than dumb

Just in case there were any doubts that the planned upheaval at Padia upheaval at Radio 4 is as touchy a subject inside Broadcasting House as outside, Laurie-Taylor of The Afternoon Shift removed them during Monday's edition. "Thank you for adding a little youth to a typically senile Afternoon Shift," he told a student during the show. Ho ho.

James Boyle, Controller of Radio 4. is expected to announce the changes at the end of this month, shortly after the BBC governors have had a look at the plans next Thursday. Boyle is said to be incandescent over the leaks to the press this week and presenters whose shows are threatened have put Boyle's secretary under siege.

But is this a revolution or mere evolution? Methinks the latter. Either rumours that the changes represent the dumbing down of Radio 4 are eraggerated, or Boyle has gone mad. It would be extremely out of character for him to make Radio 4 a personality network, as is being suggested, for when he ran BBC Scotland he was criticised for getting rid of personalities in favour of more heavyweight programming.

To take the Radio 4 day

chronologically, the first

threat is to Yesterday in Par-

liament, known as Yip. This

Radio 4 is right

to contemplate change, says

Peter Barnard

programme ought to have been dumped years ago. The BBC has a Charter obligation to report the proceedings of Parliament but that obligation is met by Today in Parliament. The demands by MPs in the Commons on Monday that the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, complain to the BBC constituted quite the most absurd spectacle reported by, er, Yes-

terday in Parliament in years. The MP who claimed that well over a million" people listen to Yip was standing a statistic on its head: the truth is that half the Today audience of two million switches off when Yip starts, and with good reason.

Yet the biggest battle over Yip is going on at Broadcasting House. The Today programme wants to run uninterrupted until 9am but champions of Yip are fighting this expansionism. They deserve to lose, for 9am is the logical junction for Today (and would let later programmes inherit a larger audience). Talking of which, the 9.05am slot is the next hot

potato. Start the Week is likely to stop being a talking shop for people plugging books, plays etc - the programme has more peddlers than the Tour de France - and become an interview with a single personality, though I am assured it will retain its "gravitas". The Tuesday phone-in will continue, Midweek on Wednesdays will probably be dropped, The Moral Maze (Thursday) is likely to become an evening

Most of the speculation concerning key lunchtime shows can be discounted. You and Yours and Money Box Live were under review at one stage, but they are almost certain to survive. Each of these programmes attracts about 600,000 listeners and their consumer orientation has proved very successful.

Of course overall tone matters more than specific programmes and listeners should beware of treating modernisation, which Radio 4 needs, as if it was populism, which it certainly does not need. Next month Round Britain Quiz returns to the network at Boyle's insistence. That would be a very strange signal from a man who is supposedly taking Radio 4 downmarket.



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Lordly mayor of a town called malice

that are just taken for granted in the music industry - that the time spent waiting in the guest list queue to get into the Brixton Academy will be exactly equal to the length of the headlining band's set, for example, or that loads of also-ran bands on the Creation label will mysteriously get lots of airplay and column inches around the time of a new Oasis release, or that Paul Weller is, simply, a Great Geezer.

Why, he's mates with both Paul McCartney and Noel Gallagher, he shuns award ceremonies because they're horrible corporate exercises in crawling and backstabbing, and he plays real instruments with real soul and real sweat pouring from his face.

As most industry-types have ears made of sawdust, they have to measure an artist's worth with something visible and easy to understand — and the currency of genius is currently sweat. This is why Van Morrison and Neil Young are still revered as earthbound gods: three songs into a gig and they look like they've been diving for sponges in the Mediter-

Plus, Weller's a "survivor". This doesn't mean he's been through wars, struggled on income support for five years, or overcome a lifethreatening disease. It simply means he made a couple of records that didn't sell, and then came back with one that won a Brit

That Paul Weller – smashing bloke, right? Man of the people, yeah? First gent of rock or what? Well, no, not really

are, that little of this myth-making is true. Weller does not make "real soul. His new album, the pretentiously titled Heavy Soul, is about as heavy and soulful as a damp mouse. Lyrics like "So grab a piece of air/Try an make it sing/Try and he who you can/it's the real, real thing" don't ring with the sound of a heart swollen; or indeed of a brain hard at work. On

top of all this, Weller wears shoes without socks and jumpers without a shirt, the uniform of ice-cream van operators. And, surely, "elder of rock" shouldn't look like they're about to ask if vou want "a squirt of raspberry on that?" But, most important-

CAITLIN **MORAN** ly. Weller is not really a

Great Geezer. At best, he's a silly tit. In a recent NME interview. Noel Gallagher told the amusing story of a night spent hanging out with Weller. He was trying to convince me how mad for it he was, even though he's getting on a bit. He was going, 'I'm [big swear word] mad for it, me.' I said I know you are, Paul, now chill. 'I'm [big swear word] mad for it,'
he says, takes his shirt off and

throws it into this big open fire! He's jumping around topless

shouting: 'I'm mad for it, me!' I left him in the garden with no top on and a big bottle of wine in his hand, shouting 'Wellah! Wellah! Wellah!' at the top of his voice."

Eventually, Gallagher said, he had to lean out of his bedroom window at eight in the morning and shout "Shut up! Go to bed, old

But what should happen if a journalist said something similar? Why, that would be no problem, surely? As an elder statesman of rock, Weller would doubtlessly be a relaxed dude. able to distance his personal life from his career? Nah. Weller's nosedive into self-indulgence has not been helped by surrounding

himself with yes men.

When asked, in a recent interview, whether this was the case, his Wildean riposte was: "Well, yeah. I wouldn't surround myself with nomen, would i?" As a result, there is little curb on

his pique, and he has a slightly unsavoury habit of verbally threatening journalists who write anything negative about him. David Quantick, journalist for Q and Select magazines, wrote a piece in 1995 about artists who have course of their careers. He mentioned Duran Duran, George Michael and Weller in the piece, which was wryly humorous but not enormously disparaging.

'I'm the only journalist in Britain who actually liked Weller's work with the Style Council." Quantick explains, "So I was rather surprised when I got a phone call from him, saying that we should 'meet and talk'. I suggested we meet in the George pub, which has an excellent range of bar snacks. Weller snapped: Nah, it should be somewhere outside, if you know what I mean. Regent's Park, or something.'
"I told him that if he wanted a

fight. I wasn't going to fight with him. He concluded this pleasant phone call by promising that, if I wrote anything else about him. he'd 'come round your house and knock your [big swear word] block off." Stuart Bailie of NME and at least one other journalist have received similar calls after writing disparaging pieces.

If Weller were, say, Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins - a band that has had more bad reviews than it has recorded endless, moribund solos - one could understand his bitterness about negative press. But as Weller's press-kit is as thick as a brick, and twice as heavy on phrases like "He is God", then this "paranoia" is hard to understand. Still, at least one of the phrases employed to describe him is true -



Why would Paul Weller threaten to duff up the only music critic who liked the Style Council?

POP ALBUMS: From now on, the name Roni Size will be the one to drop

Weller is still burning. In a

spectacularly unpleasant way.

Drum and basically great

RONI SIZE/REPRAZENT Newforms (Talkin' Loud 534 933;

two discs £18.49) ALL specialist genres start out as a no-go zone for the uncertain or uncommitted lis-tener, until somebody does something exceptional enough to convert music with a minority appeal into the sound of the moment. If there is a record that can do for drum and bass what James Brown did for funk or Prodigy are doing for techno, then it is Newform's, an album of inspirational brilliance that lives up to its rather brazen title.

Producer and DJ Roni Size teamed up with producer Krust to form the nucleus of Bristol-based collective Reprazent in 1992. The organisation now includes various DJs and an MC (rapper) as well as Bristolian soul singer Onallee, who performs with fiery emotion on Heroes among many other tracks. There is also a telling guest contribution from American vocalist Bahamadia. who chops out an unbelievably sultry rap on the title track and whose presence would have been welcome on some of

the other numbers, too. Unlike Goldie's landmark album, Timeless, which was released two years ugo amid much speculation that jungle music was about to "go overground", Newforms is a rhythmically ingenious and spectacularly well-crafted

record from start to finish that not only addresses its own streetwise constituency but also reaches out to embrace other musical strands including jazz. soul, funk and breakbeat. The result, on numbers such as Destination, with its string and horn samples (from an Everything But The Girl track), and the bustling, drop-dead groove of New Forms itself, is music that transcends the limitations of the genre and moves the

listener into a different realm. Shortlisted earlier this week for the Mercury Music Prize, this is an album that will be pleasurably expanding peo-ple's musical horizons for many months to come.

TEENAGE FANCLUB Songs From Northern Britain (Creation CRECD 196 £11.99) HAVING reached an age where they are probably beginning to rue their whimsical choice of name, Teenage Fanclub are still hoping for great things round the next corner with their quaintly titled fifth album. Songs From Northern Britain.

With its beautifully wrought. Byrds-influenced harmony vocals and defiantly old-fashioned chiming guitar

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albums that functions in much the same way as a Hovis ad. conjuring images of a kindlier, gentler past when traditional musical values held sway. 'We're going over the country and into the Highlands to look for a home," they sing on Planets, a typically winsome blend of romantic escapism.

The trouble is that thanks to the Britpop "revolution", there are now dozens of groups ploughing a similarly retro furrow, many of which have applied more energy and original thought to the formula than is in evidence here.

LEE SCRATCH PERRY

(Island Jamaica CRNCD 6/524 379: three discs El9.99) A TREND-SETTER in so many ways, Jamaican reggae supremo Lee Scratch Perry was one of the first producers

to use studio technology to forge sounds such as dub (the original drum and bass music) and to expand the role of producer into that of star in Arkology is a compilation of

his recordings, mostly of other acts, during the period 1975-79, when Perry owned his own Black Ark studio in Kingston. It boasts a handful of classic cuts, including Junior Murvin's Police & Thieves, Max Romeo's War in a Babylon and George Faith's To he a Lover (Have Some Mercy).

none of Perry's work with Bob Marley and the Wailers is featured, nor is Susan Cadogan's Hurt So Good, one of the very few bona fide hits to come out of this period.

PRIMUS Brown Album (interscope INTD-90126 **OPERATING**

tween the manic playfulness of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the cranky obscurity of Frank Zappa. Primus continues to fail foul of the cultural divide between Britain and America. Top Ten regulars over there, they still sound confusingly eccentric to anyone who does not get the joke. "I got a gal wears her toenails long/ Drives a red Barracuda, singing meatpacker songs," sings bassist Les Claypool on Kalamazoo. a jaunty shuffle that combines a nursery rhyme melody with a fearfully com-

Militantly low-fi, yet somehow rather fussy in its execution, *Brown Album* has flashes of brilliance, frequently involving the razor-sharp instrumental interplay between Claypool, drummer Brain and guitarist Larry LaLonde, and most notably during the passage at the end of The Chastising of Renegade. But it is likely to baffle all but the most committed fans.

plicated guitar solo.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Tunes of glory

Blood on the Fields (Columbia CXK 57694)

study of slavery and survival. His lyrics finely judged balancing of the colloquial and the formal, too, is not unexpected, given the assured eloquence with which he expresses his musical philosophy. What is really impressive, though, is the three-hour piece's overall cogency, particularly in its recognition of the crucial role played by the



GIVEN trumpeter/composer Wynton Marsalis's constant championing of the tradition" in jazz and related music. it is no surprise to find him skilfully exploiting everything from spirituals to his own seductively lush brand of neat airy swing in this three-CD

Wynton Marsalis: centuries of struggle on three CDs

ALBUMS blues in its characters' spiritu-

Singer Cassandra Wilson and a string of star soloists including James Carter, Wess Anderson and Marsalis himself are all tellingly featured. and the whole more than lives up both to the reputation conferred on it by the Pulitzer Prize award and to Marsalis's own artistic aim for it: "To detail in music what I feel it takes to achieve soul: the

willingness to address adver-

STEVE LACY TWO. FIVE AND SIX

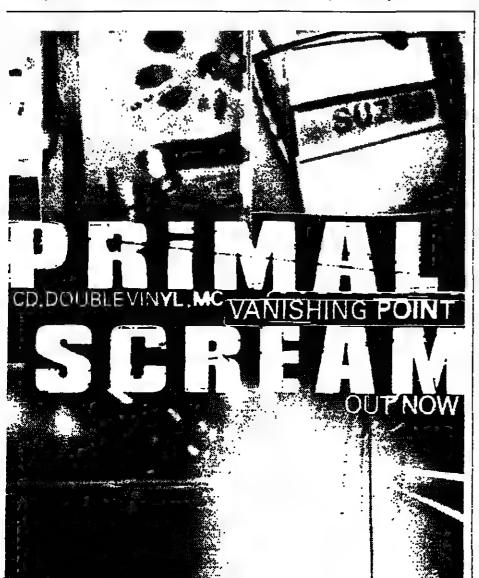
(hat ART CD 2-6189) A RE-RELEASE of the acclaimed LPs of the same name, supplemented by two bonus tracks, this double CD catches American soprano player Steve Lacy and his long-serving cohorts (chief among them fellow suxophonist Steve Potts) in various combinations, live in Zurich in

Lacy dubbed his feverishly passionate music of the 1980s "poly-free", for its attempt to synthesise structure, improvisation and spontaneous interplay and, when in full flight, this is a gioriously unfettered band, rousing and adventur-ous but familiar enough with each other's playing to imbue the whole affair with infectious informality.

CHRIS PARKER

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Wired for sound: Roni Size of Reprazent, whose brilliant

Newforms is on the Mercury Music Prize shortlist

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Alternative Nashville

NASHVILLE may be synonymous with country music. but it has a rhythm & blues heritage that stretches back to the early 1950s, when many black artists recorded for Ernie Young's Nashville-based Execile and Nashbyro labels. Wail Daddy! Nashviile Jump Blues (Ace CDCHD 653) collects some prime examples of hooting, plane and saxophone-led numbers recorded for the company, including Happy Go Lucky by Good Rockin Sam Beasley and Chicken Hearted Woman by

Clarence Samuels.

Such music remained unissued and unheard in this country, so the early British blues performers, such as Cyril Davies, took their inspiration from the more mainstream blues artists - a fuet reflected by a long-overdue tribute album to Davies, who died in 1964, just as the British blues boom started. Knights of The Blues Table Nicercy CD541842) includes contribu-

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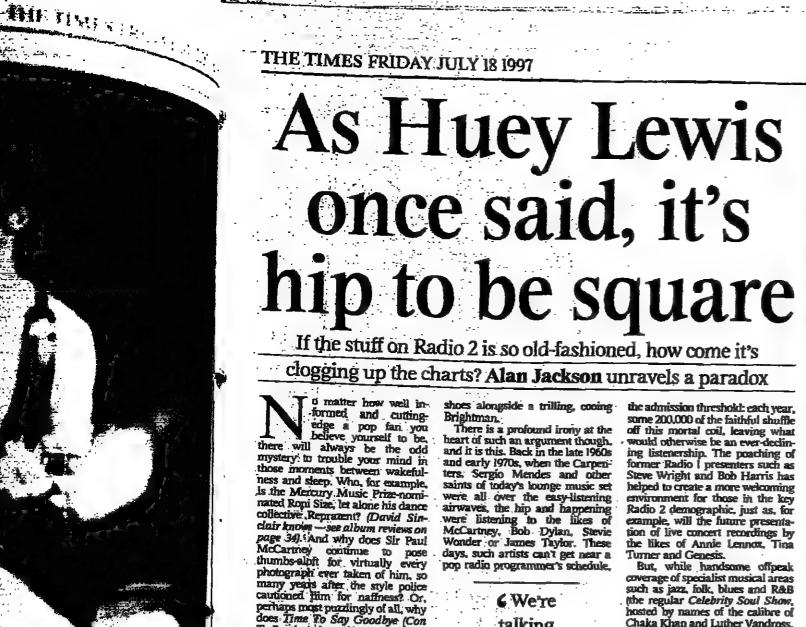
tions from Paul Jones. Georgie Fame, Jack Bruce and a chap called Mick Jagger, helping out on harp.

Davies would have been at home with the new wave of black American artists who have been inspired by the acoustic prewar stylings of artists such as Robert Johnson. Indeed, on Call Down the Thunder (Red House RHRCD) 89), guitarist Guy Davis covers Johnson's When You Got a Good Friend us well as latterday songster Mance

Lipscomb's Run Sinner Run. There's also a clutch of wellhoned originals in which Davis shows his proficiency on both the six and 12-string guitar and fulfils his promise in the sleeve notes of "making the same old thing sound

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station. Should your dial have been tuned to Radio 2 these past three months, you will have heard more of Brightman and Bocelli than of any other chart act. Radio 2's loyal audience loves the song and still hasn't heard enough of it. And, given that its corrent percentage share of the British listening public Tunes of glor is a market-leading 12.6 (Radio 1 trails with 11.2), that gives the station immense taste-making (and, hence, record-selling) clout within that frequently underesti-

> But easy listening is hip these days, you might argue back authoritatively, having read as much about it in smart magazines aimed at smart young people. Well, yes... but although Noel Gallagher might be proud to take the Festival Hall stage alongside his idol Burt Bacharach, hell is likely to freeze Bacharach, hell is likely to freeze ing it younger ... over before he steps into Bocelli's ... It's an important job, lowering

mated musical genre, the middle of

Te Partiro), the cod-operatic ballad

duet between Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli, continue to

linger in the Top 30 more than two months after its release, despite

never being played on the radio? Never played on the radio? Then

you've been listening to the wrong — or should that be the right? —

Brightman.
There is a profound irony at the beart of such an argument though. and it is this. Back in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when the Carpen-ters; Sergio Mendes and other saints of today's lounge music set were all over the easy-listening airwaves, the hip and happening were listening to the likes of McCartney, Bob Dylan, Stevie Wonder or James Taylor. These days, such artists can't get near a pop radio programmer's schedule,

> 6 We're talking classic tracks by enduring artists 9

but have found a happy alternative home at Radio 2.

This upside down, inside out situation arose for two reasons. First and most obviously, we are none of us getting any younger, performers and fans both. And, as a new generation grows up in our wake, with tastes and heroes of its own, it is natural that all but the John Peels among us will be shunted over towards the centre ground. The potential result? One morning, you wake up and find you don't recognise anything being played, and that all your old favourites are now to be found on a different frequency, quite probably Radio 2 or its nearest local equivalent. The second reason is that, in the words of its Controller James Moir, the station has been deliberately "tak-

some 200,000 of the faithful shuffle off this mortal coil, leaving what would otherwise be an ever-declin-ing listenership. The poaching of former Radio I presenters such as Steve Wright and Bob Harris has helped to create a more welcoming environment for those in the key Radio 2 demographic, just as, for example, will the future presenta-tion of live concert recordings by the likes of Annie Lennox, Tina

Turner and Genesis. But, while handsome offpeak coverage of specialist musical areas such as jazz, folk, blues and R&B the regular Celebrity Soul Show, hosted by names of the calibre of Chaka Khan and Luther Vandross, has been a particular coup) also lures in interested newcomers, the character of Radio 2's daytime playlist remains the crucial element. "We're talking quality and excellence," Moir says. "Classic, melodic tracks by classic, enduring

means non-stop Frank and Ella, it should be pointed out it also means the likes of Wet Wet Wet, the Beautiful South, Celine Dion and Prefab Sprout, Compilation of the network's weekly playlist is over-seen by Geoff Mullin, head of music policy, who was recently wooed back to the BBC after a stint with the successful regional independent, Melody Radio. Up to 30 current singles, most of them singles, are featured each week, on top of an active database of some 5,000 other tracks. Folk-rock and new country by the likes of Shawn Colvin, Trisha Yearwood and Alison Krauss are faring well at present, as are the latest offerings by teen acts such as Boyzone, Gary Barlow and 911. Cathy Dennis, Paul Young and Jon Secada are

Radio 2 instead. The unifying factors? All are

IN CONCERT: The meaning of riff revealed; jazz and pop go head to head — and both lose; a legend in his own reverie; the future of drum and bass

melodic, well-crafted, easy on the business of creating hits, we are ear. And all are being ignored deeply proud when it can be proved that the success of a particular and are likely to continue to be so -by Radio I. Famously, Status Quo record is down to the fact that we made an undignified fuss a while have especially championed it," says Moir. He runs through a list of ago when they found themselves in exactly that position. Perhaps they recent singles by the Bee Gees, Phil should have got their song plugger Collins, Dion, McCarmey, Wonder to follow the example of many Babyface, and albums (David Gates and Bread, Elvis Presley. another and head straight for Dylan and kd lang) ignored by hipper, younger stations but buoy-

ant in this week's charts thanks to his MOR muscle.

Meanwhile, on behalf of possible new converts to the station, I feel obliged to ask one question of Mullin: how long will the divine Sarah's single, recently awarded gold disc status, linger on the playlist? "It's already stayed active much longer than most things we play, simply because listeners continue to react strongly in favour of it as witnessed by its very slow decline in the charts," Mullin says, 'At some point, though, a value judgment will be made. There will come a point when we decide it is past its sell-by date, and let it join the database of classic tracks."

Time to say goodbye? Not quite yet, it seems. As to whether it's time to say hello to Radio 2, that will depend on how much you hate the



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Radio 2 alerted the record-buying public to Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli's Time To Say Goodbye, and the rest was chart history

Soul garnished with chops

The word "riff" is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "a short repeated phrase in jazz etc". What the OED does not mention is that in blues en the modern master of the riff is

Robert Cray. Nearly all of the numbers during his performance at the Empire were built around slinky and sinuous riffs, musical phrases that provided the backbone for the song and caught the audience in much the same way as a strong hook will snare someone listening to

a pop record.
You get the feeling that Craygets the riff first and then layers the song around it to create a sound not unlike that produced by one of the great riff factories of the past - the Memphis Stax studio in the 1960s and 1970s.

And the link is an apt one. for Cray has another strong musical ace in his pack — his woice. One Cray fan told me he liked the singer because he was the nearest performer we had nowadays to Otis Redding, and listening to him on numbers such as Nothing Against You and I Can't Quit. both from his new album, Sweet Potato Pie, you could see what he meant.

Cray may lack Redding's "got to getcha" vocal mannerisms (which many may see as

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a blessing), but he is basically a blues guitarist with a soul singer's voice. Unlike his Memphis coun-

terparts, though, there is no flashy showmanship with Cray. His only concession to glitz was a chrome plated gui-tar and a polite "Thank you kindly" to an appreciative crowd in between numbers.

that counted. With his regular back-up band of Jim Pugh on keyboards, Karl Sevareid on bass and Kevin Hayes on drums, he has achieved a rocksteady precision and a perfect vehicle for his well-honed songs. If there was any criticism, it was that things were perhaps deliberately left too low key. His new album brought back a brass section in the shape of the Memphis Horns, and it would have given slightly more texture to

the evening had they been there too.

But there was a lot to enjoy, such as Pugh's iolloping crowd-pleaser, The One in the Middle. You can't knock a man who has been consistently carrying the torch for the contemporary blues boom since cutting his first album in 1980. He remains resolutely his own man, a strong per-suader — and still Craysie after all these years.

JOHN CLARKE

rected with the sort of wild adulation generally reserved for conquering heroes, sporting or military. Herbie Hancock's New Standard All Stars were home and dry with a capacity audience before they had played a note. Even Hancock's rueful introductory announcement, in which he revealed that the sextet was coming to the end of a 19-day, 17-concert European tour so hectic he couldn't even remember where they'd just flown from. drew thunderous applause.

Once the initial rapture had died down, however, the band got down to the serious busi-ness of justifying their individ-

Star players in the wrong game

Herbie Hancock Festival Hall

ual and collective reputations with exemplary seriousness. The nearest jazz gets to a genuine supergroup, the All Stars — tenor player Michael Brecker, guitarist John Scofield, bassist Dave Holland, drummer Jack DeJohnette and percussionist Don Alias were assembled for Hancock's New Standard album in 1996. But given the music's economic realities, such stellar assemblies are rarely seen outside the recording studio.

As its name suggests, Hancock's hand eschews the conventional standards repertoire

Rodgers and Hart songs - in favour of tunes by the likes of Kurt Cobain, Steely Dan and Sade, and it was with a Don Henley piece, New York Minute, that they began, sub-sequently moving swiftly on to John Lennon's Norwegian Wood and Peter Gabriel's Mercy Street. All drew crowdpleasing solos, Scofield and Brecker in particular rising to the improvisational challenges presented by non-jazz, vehicles, but the difficulty they experienced in doing so could not but raise doubts as to the project's overall viability.

Pop songs, after all, are designed, first and foremost. to be immediately catchy: their appeal resides largely in their

the arbitrary dictates of fashion. To revisit them with serious intent risks exposing their musical shortcomings: Norwegian Wood, for example, relies for its success as a pop tune on the very melodic repetitiveness that militates against its suitability for improvisation. Its faintly surdonie lyries are simply 100 specific and eccentric to be of the same use in informing the emotion of a jazz solo as those of, say, Body and Soul.

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The majority of the evening's musical highlights were consequently provided in spite of the hand's material -Prince's wonderfully funky Thieves in the Temple aside The extraordinary potential inherent in the line-up remained largely untapped, taients both individual and collective remaining frustratingly underexploited.

CHRIS PARKER

And some days the old bear eats you

RAY CHARLES trails so much history behind him that we come to expect miracles every time he and his big band roll into town. So when he turns in a routine performance — as he undoubtedly did on the opening night of the Serious Summer festival - the sense of anticlimax is all the more palpable.

Yes, we heard a snappy Hallelujah I Love Her So, and a short but potent bout of gospel mouning from his backing singers, the Raelettes, on What'd I Say. But for most of the evening the star seemed curiously detached.

He was clearly not in the best of moods, either. A renowned perfectionist, he muttered threats about the volume levels, repeatedly striking his microphone with his hand, mid-song Later it was the turn of his hapless bass player to receive a brutal dressing down as his

Ray Charles Festival Hall

The sound mix did the band few favours on the long-winded instrumental

employer questioned his sense of pitch at

numbers that always open Charles's concerts; his own voice was also indis-tinct for long sections of the show. Matters improved on the familiar waltz treatment of Oh, What A Beautiful Morning, but the arrival of the Raelettes for the final quarter prompted no dramatic change of gear.

The audience still gave Charles a

standing ovation. They were equally impressed by the majestic Canadian singer-pianist Diana Krall, who made

RUMOUR has it that Tricky

cancelled American art rockers Soul Coughing as support for his last UK tour when he

heard how good the band is

live. To judge by Wednesday night's performance, albeit in

a Bristol har called the Fleece

and Firkin, the rapper was

At its best, Soul Coughing's

free form fusion of jazz, folk,

hip hop and spoken poetry is

every inch as intense as

Tricky's melancholy music,

but much more audience

friendly. If, on paper, the

songs sound as studied and

introspective as trip hop (on record Soul Coughing can try

too hard), played live they become glorious, funk-filled.

open-ended excursions into

When singer M Doughty

formed Soul Coughing in New

York four years ago, his aim

was to assemble a hip hop outfit that operated along the

lines of Funkadelic. He has

succeeded. When the four-

piece locked into a song, and

intelligent dance territory.

right to have worried.

the most of a brief support slot to reassert her status as the most exciting new vocal talent of the decade. She allowed us a glimpse of her more mischievous side on Dave Frishberg's sugar-daddy vignette, Peel Me a Grape.

An engagingly eclectic programme continued on Wednesday with slick Brazilian pop from the singer-songwrit-ers Ivan Lins and Djavan. The latter had an unfortunate habit of burying the subtleties of his melodies beneath the stadium beat of an over-amplified drummer. Lins, acclaimed as the heir to the late Antonio Carlos Jobim, exudes a similar affinity for subtle jazz-influenced harmonies. His guitarist was the pivotal figure in a compact band that coped mirably with the changes of pace.

CLIVE DAVIS

Dance with

snapped back to reality.

stage is as unusual as the songs. Behind Doughty, who twists and jerks his skinny body as he delivers his lines. Mark De Gli Amhoni plays a tiny keyboard perched on too

It was Gabby, in fact, who

rhythms for their records. Backstage after the show.
 Size explained what Full Cycle and Soul Coughing have in common. "Our songs come from different musical backgrounds," he said, "Doughty's from hip hop, mine from drum and bass. But both have transcended their genre and are headed in the same direction." "What direction is that?" I asked. "I have no idea." Size

LISA VERRICO

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extended groove, the small Bristol audience all but slipped into a hypnotic trance. As if to test its crowd control, towards the end of the hourlong set, the hand segued the recent single Super Bon Bon into Madonna's Like a Proyer and suddenly the audience

Soul Coughing's set-up on

of a box, while Sebastian Steinberg plucks at an enormous double bass. It is left to Israeli drummer Yuval Gabby, who hits his surprisingly basic skins like the energised Duraceli bunny, to pull all the elements together.

inspired Wednesday's gig, which was organised by the Mercury Award nominee Roni Size. Size's Bristol drum and bass crew Full Cycle had been borrowing the drummer a lot of late, to sample his powerful precision hip hop

replied. "That's the point."



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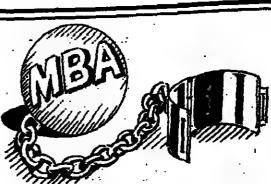
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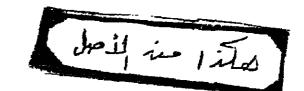
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EDUCATION

Finance and quality will be the themes of next week's Dearing report on higher education. David Charter and Dan Cohn-Sherbok report

Standards are all a question of degree

week's milestone review of higher education by Sir Ron Dearing will focus on fees: But the question of guarantee-ing the quality of university degrees may be of equal significance in the

Just as Sir Ron prepares to pronounce, however, universities have formally abandoned their search for a way of guaranteeing that all first-class degrees reach the same standard. Degrees, said the Higher Education Quality Council, are like cars. There will always be the Rolls-Royce and the family

The council, an agency of the Committee of Vict Chancellors and Principals, admitted two years ago that degree standards varied from university to university.

Now, in the final report of its Graduate Standards Programme,

it says the range of courses on offer across Britain's 104 fiercely independent universities means that this will always be the case.

Not only did the council's two-year survey expose trends in awarding degrees, which made impossible the claim that one university sets exactly the same university sets exactly the same standards as another, but it suggested that the traditional method of classification into first, second and third-class degrees acted against the interests of accurate comparability.

Roger Brown, chief executive of the council, said: "There are ways degrees could be made more comparable, but they will never be fully comparable. If you move away from a class honours system, there

product of the move towards a mass higher education system which has had no previous review of degree-awarding conventions was the devaluation of the award of "honours" over the past 20 years, the council added.

Dr Peter Wright, HEQC assistant director, said: Typically, honours was considered the mark of the elite student a few decades ago. It seems odd that with the participation rate going up three times, 30 per cent come away with an honours degree."

Moreover, the current system caused confusion by allowing poor students to earn degrees in the first place, the council believes.

"Most academics look for a satisfactory level of performance, which they place in the second-class category, then rate other students in relation to that, so to get a third or pass is not satisfactory," Dr Wright said.

The HEQC would like to see quality guaranteed by a higher pass mark. A new minimum standard should be set somewhere above the present level of a thirdclass degree; Dr Wright said. This would either disqualify or remoti-vate the 15 per cent of students who graduate with a third class or pass.

Universities reject the idea of a national curricium and any system of common external tests to ensure across-the-board standards. The Graduate Standards Programme proposes seven ways of strengthenng academic judgments.

These include closer attention to standards when courses are designed, and the sharing of exem-



The Review of Higher Education is expected to recommend a new framework for university qualifications

compare marking approaches. Much work was needed to strengthen the external examiner system, which is seen as the main bulwark against the erosion of standards, but in reality covers a wide range of varying practice, the council found

The Government's Review of Higher Education is expected to recommend a new framework for university qualifications when it delivers its views on the future of

British universities this month. But it will most likely stop short of scrapping degree classifications altogether. Firsts, seconds and thirds may well coexist with schoolreliable system is established. Sir Ron, who is leading the review, wants universities to demonstrate much more clearly what a degree is worth, said Dr Wright.

"A generation ago, higher education was essentially a small system for insiders," he said. "Nowadays it is a mass system and people who come out will be employed in a wide range of enterprises run by people who are not necessarily graduates. The system has to explain that which was implicit about degrees before. Taxoaver and consumers need to know they

are getting value for money." Some former polytechnics and a including London and Birming-ham, had already introduced a transcript. A certificate issued alongside the grade showed the graduate's achievements in all the different parts of the course.

Dr Wright described the diversity of degrees as being like a range of cars. "If you are talking about the quality of a car, you are looking for different things from a four-wheeldrive, a sports car or the family runabout. They all have to pass an MoT but they have different pur-poses. The difference with cars is that there is a lot more information available about them."

What cost the American dream?

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rowing up in the leafy suburbs of Denver, Colo-rado, I was aware from a very early age that a university education would be expensive. It was a major priority for my parents to save for my undergraduate and postgraduate studies. But no one could have predicted how much it would cost. I was a student at a very expensive men's college on the East Coast for four years, and then I trained to be a rabbi at a rabbinical seminary for a further five. Finally, I spent three years at Cambridge studying for a PhD. At the end of this long process, my father was complaining that he could have bought two Rolls-

Royces for what it cost. My case is unusual, yet it is not uncommon for American parents to endure serious finan-cial hardships to put their children through university and graduate school. The most eminent universities are staggeringly expensive. A year at an Ivy League college, for example, today costs more than \$30,000 (£18,300) including tuition and

board. This amounts to a total of about \$120,000 for a BA degree. For many students, however, this is not the end. All professions law, medicine, accountancy, dentistry etc — demand further years of study at much the same cost.

In America there is no ideological argument to support charging fees. It is simply a matter of balancing the books. Private universities are not supported by public funds: instead they must raise revenue through two major sources: tuition fees and endowments. State universities are similarly dependent on fees and

Are there any real advantages to such a system of funding? To my mind, the drawbacks are overwhelming. Charging tuition fees places enormous burdens on families, particularly where there are several children. Paying for a college education is a painful obsession for parents who want their children to be front-numers.

the American dream - in many cases those whose parents cannut afford to pay fees refrain from applying to expensive universities. While generous scholarships are offered to the most needy, most applicants are ineligible for full funding. This means that the best institutions tend disproportionately to attract children from the most

ealthy sector of American society. For more than 20 years I have taught in the British university system; during this time I have rejoiced in its commitment, its openness, All universities are publicly funded; there is total equality of opportunity. No able student hesitates to apply to any

university because it is too expensive. In essence, every student who qualifies for admittance is given a full scholarship which covers tuition. This enviable system is now under attack. Yet there is every reason to preserve it. Admittedly with the increase in students in higher education, more funds will be needed. But what

could be more precious to the life of the nation than the education of its young?

It is sometimes suggested that students will value their studies more if they pay for it; hence it is only right that undergraduates take out loans to cover costs. This argument, however, is simply a rationalisation for cutting state funds. I certainly didn't value my education more because my father paid for it. The Americanisation of the British higher education system will produce the same negative results. The problem of higher education funding should not be solved by mortgaging the future of undergraduates, but by supporting them through state resources. Centres of excellence will not be produced through artificial league ables, but by sustained funding so that institutions can attract the best students irrespective of their financial circumstances.

Rabbi Professor Dan Cohn-Sherbok is

Sig Prais reveals the full story behind an alarming slip in standards

ne latest round of an international compari-son of pupils mune-matical attainments was completed yesterday, with an analysis of the likely factors behind the poor performance by English pupils. The full report of the Third International Mathematical and Science Study is highly relevant to our schools.

Probably the most important finding is that attainments in mathematics by English pupils aged 13-14 conrinue to be undistinguished by broad international sandards, and provide no grounds for the expectations— fairly widespread a generation ago - that England's schooling is such as to set the country at the forefront of scientific

and technological progress.
The attainments of English average pupils at 13-14 row lag by the equivalent of about a year's schooling behind such Western European countries as Austria, Belgium, France, Holland and Switzerland and are very much more behind Pacific Rim countries (Japan. Korea, Singipore, for example) where schooling for a technological age fintended at first to match, and then to overtake. Western standards - has been the overriding objective for he past

generation. generation.

Of international leading economies, only the achievements of the United States give grounds for pause and reflec-tion; their pupils' nathematics scores at this age vere similar to England's (perlaps even a shade lower). But only, by a variety of expensive supplementary measure, including an average lengthof schooling for the equivalent of about two full-time years beyond that typical here, have they succreded in maintaining their technological calabilities and economic perforhance at very high levels.

In any case, he US educational experience provides lit-tle by way of comfort or guidance to thee looking for new directions in which English schooling should move. Arithmetic is confirmed by

the TIMSS as the branch of mathematics with the greatest shortfall in Ingish pupils' anaimments, he concern is not with arithment of a complex kind (for example calculating the square root of a number by a paperand-pencil algorithm) but is a the most

Maths report: **England** must do better

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without being technological

specialists, need to work with increased precision in an in-

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England's shortfall in math-

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The proposition of second-

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Age year 9 Score Score Median Annual

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basic level: about half of English pupils at age 13 could not calculate correctly 6,000 minus 2,369. Progress by pupils after that age at this basic arithmetical level is bound to be slow; and about a third of English pupils seem likely to reach the end of compulsory schooling unable to carry out such a calculation.

England was behind almost all other 40 participating countries in this respect (only in four participating countries were fewer pupils able to answer that subtraction ques-

tion correctly).

English deficiencies in arithmetic are confirmed as arising at the primary stage of schooling by a parallel IEA survey of 8 to 9-year-olds. The same subtraction sum (6,000 minus 2,369) could be answered correctly by some 91 per cent of continental 9-yearolds, but only by 15 per cent of English pupils at that age.

It is easy to discount failing in such basic arithmetic as being only a small part of the broader canvas of mathematics needed by the aspiring modern mathematical or technological specialist. But to do so would overlook the role of arithmetical competence as a pedagogical foundation stone for progress in other branches of mathematics and science. It

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further investigation. The new point to emerge

from this survey relates to England's top-attaining pu-pils. Previous international surveys were consistent with the view that — irrespective of low mathematical attainments by England's average and below average pupils — the performance of England's top pupils equalled, and perhaps even exceeded, the best of the corresponding top proportion in other countries.

investigated in this survey; it obviously contributed to un-

detachievement and warrants

The present survey indicates that the mathematical attainments of the top 5 per cent of English pupils (those who might become mathematical specialists) and or the top 24 per cent (the broader group now eligible for university entrance in general) are below those of the Western European countries mentioned here.

This finding is consistent with complaints made increasingly in recent years by English university professors of declining mathematical standards of students now entering mathematics, science and engineering departments.

olds were attained by the ngland has not been bereft in the past gener-ation of major policy lowest 20 per cent of English pupils.
This larger proportion of initiatives to raise schooling low and underachievers in attainments. The secondary England, with particularly school system has been great disabilities in basic "comprehensivised" (virtual elimination of selective secarithmetic, leads to worries that the English schooling ondary schools for high-atsystem is in some way maltaining pupils), there was a large-scale governmental ining to the creation of an quiry specifically into mathematics reaching in 1992 and a class. Absenteeism by pupils national curriculum has been introduced for primary and secondary schools.

In that perspective, the TIMSS report on mathematical attainments may be interpreted as being of a familiar disappointing sort — England "should be capable of doing better". "must try harder". needs to reconsider basic study habits".

Little, if anything, seems to have been achieved to advance low-attaining pupils, while top-attaining pupils seem to have lost their international excellence.

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Dismissal before transfer lawful

Wilson and Others v St Helens Borough Council Sanders and Another v St Helens Borough Council Meade v British Fuels Ltd Baxendale v British Fuels Ltd Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice

[Judgment July 10] The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794) could not be applied to dismissals before a relevant transfer so that the transferor might validly, albeit unfairly, terminate his employees' contracts so that they were not employed immediately before the

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing appeals by St Helens Borough Council from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (The Times April 10, 1996) in claims brought by nine members of its staff, and by two employees of British Fuels Ltd from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal on July 24, 1996 in favour of the

Regulation 5 of the 1981 Regulations which implemented the Acquired Rights Directive (77/187/EEC) of the Council of the European Communities (OJ 1977 L61/26) provides:

(l) ... a relevant transfer shall not operate so as to terminate the contract of employment of any person employed by the transferor in the undertaking ... but any such contract which would otherwise have been terminated by the transfer shall have effect after the transfer as if originally made perween the person employed and

Regulation 8 provides: "(1) Where either before or after a relevant transfer any employee of the transferor or transferee is dismissed, that employee shall be reated ... as unfairly dismissed if the transfer or a reason connected with it is the reason or principal

reason for his dismissed." Article 4 of the Acquired Rights Directive provides: "(1) The transfer of an undertaking, business or peri of a business shall not in itself constitute grounds for dismissal by the transferor or the transfer This provision shall not stand in the way of dismissals that may take place for economic, technical or organisational reasons entailing changes in the workforce."

Miss Cherie Booth, QC and Mr Simon Gorton for St Helens Bor-out that the transfer of the home ough Council; Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Mr Nicholas Randall for the St Helens employees; Mr David Bean, QC and Mr Nicholas Randall for the British Fuels employees: Mr Nicholas Underhill and Mr Brian Napier for British

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that the two separately constituted appeal tribunals had apparently reached decisions which were in consistent in their interpretation and application of the 1981 Regulations and the Acquired Rights

The question common to both decisions was whether on the transfer of an undertaking, notice given by the transferor to deterof his employees which was valid under English law was effective to determine the contracts of those employees who had been offered and accepted employment with the transferee on less favourable terms and conditions.

In the St Helens appeal a community home owned by trustees and managed by Lancashire County Council employed a staff of 162. In 1990 the county council would no longer allow it to run the

The trustees asked St Helens Borough Council to assume responsibility and they only agreed to do so on the understand ing that it made no demands on their financial resources.

The scale of the operation was to be substantially reduced and the staff reduced from 162 employed by the county to 72 employed by St

of the new posts differed from those when the home was run by the county and in some cases the loss of allowances resulted in a significant loss of earnings Matters having been thus ar-

ranged, the county gave notice terminating on grounds of redundancy the employment of the 72 members of the staff who had accepted the new posts on Septem-ber 30, 1992 and they took up their new employment on October 1,

it was wrongly assumed that the transfer of the management did not attract the provisions of the 1981 Regulations and the Directive. On March 2, 1993 the employees' trade union, NASUWT, wrote to St

meaning of the 1981 regulation and claiming that the employees were terms and conditions of their former contracts with the county council. An industrial tribunal found for the employees but the appeal tribunal rejected their

In the appeals by British Fuels es, the appellants, Mr Meade and Mr Baxendale, had been employed by the British Coal Corporation (BCC) since 1978. In July 1992 BCC told both employees that it intended to merge the subsidiary company they worked for with another they had taken over and that the new compar would be called British Fuels Ltd. On August 20, 1992 the appellants were given three months notice starting the following day, and promised redundancy pay-ments. On the same day BFL offered both appellants employ-

different and less favourable terms which they accepted. On January 22, 1993 BFL wrote to the appellants proposing a change in the terms and conditions of their appointments. The change was to include a statement that their previous service would be treated as though it was continuous service with BFL. Neither BFL nor the appellants realised that the 1981 Regulations and the Directive

ment from September 1, 1992 on

applied to the merger. Both appellants accepted the revised terms. On September 21, 1994 Mr Meade issued a complaint to an industrial tribunal claiming entitlement to a declaration that he was still employed by BFL under the same terms and conditions as he had enjoyed when employed by the subsidiary of BCC. The tri-bunal dismissed his claim, finding that he was employed under the

by him on April 23, 1993. Mr Baxendale was dismissed for complained to an industrial trition of his terms of employment with BFL. The tribunal found that those set out in the letter which he had signed of May 14, 1993. The appeals of both appellants were dismissed by the appeal tribunal.

Miss Booth argued that the decision of the tribunal should be restored. The appeal tribunal had

erred in substituting for the find-ing of the tribunal that the reason organisational its own finding that the transfer was the reason for the change of conditions.

Mr Underhill argued that BFL's employees' contracts had been validly terminated by notice on August 20, 1992. That dismissal prevented their contracts transfering to BFL.

Mr Elias, supported by Mr Bean, argued that the interpretation which had been put on the Acquired Rights Directive by the European Court of Justice in Foreningen af Arbejdsledere Danmark v Daddy's Dance Hall A/S (1988) ECR 739) and Bork (P) International A/S v A/S Danmals Inventar (1985) ECR 2639) was uncompromising that contracts of employment contin-Nor could the employee agree to take employment with the transferee on less favourable terms because it would be against public

His Lordship said that regula-tion 8(1) presupposed that the transfer was the reason, or cipal reason for the termina the employee's contract and in that event regulation 5 provided that the transfer was not to determine the contract which was to have

The regulations had to be read as a whole and the court or tribunal had to seek the reason for the termination of the contract and not the manner in which it was effected by the employer. To uphold an employer's right

validly to dismiss employees in that way would deprive them of the benefit of their contracts of employ ment and leave them only with remedies to enforce secondary it would, moreover, be inconsis-

tent with the interpretation with of regulation 5(3) of the 1981 Regula-tions in *Litster v Forth Dry Dock &* Engineering Co Ltd ([1990] 1 AC 546, 568).

Regulation 8 clearly envisaged lismissal both before and after a relevant transfer; before transfer such a dismissal could only be effected by the transferor. The regulation drew a distinc-on between those dismissals which were unfair, because the

reason or principal reason for

were to be regarded as not unfair because the reason or principal reason for them was an economic, technical or organisational reason entailing changes in the work

Thus if a contract of employment was terminated for such a reason. it was not to be regarded as terminated by the transfer itself although the termination might on the occasion of the

In the St Helens appeal the industrial tribunal effectively held that the reason or principal reason why the contracts of employment were terminated was an econo or organisational reason.

Accordingly, the regulations had to be interpreted in a way which was consistent with article 4(1) of the Directive so that the provisions of regulation 5 did not apply to continue the contracts of employ-

On that basis when the employees took up their new positions on October 2, 1992 they did so on the terms of the new contracts.

in the appeal by the BFL, employees, Mr Underhill forcefully argued that even if the contracts were to be deemed to continue after the transfer they could not be regarded as indeterminable and that, at least by April 23, 1993 in Mr Meade's case and May 14 in Mr Baxendale's, they should be regarded as being loyed on the terms and con ditions then agreed. It was still necessary, however, to ask whether the transfer or a reason connected with it was the reason of principal reason for the determ-

Although the new terms varied the hours of work and rates of pay, the principal reason for the alter-ation appeared to have been to reflect BFL's letter to the employ f January 22, 1993 by which BFL

Thus it would seem that the reason for the changes was con-nected with the transfer and there was no evidence of any other reason. His Lordship concluded that the transfer or a reason connected with it remained the effective reason for the changes.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord

Justice Swinton Thomas agreed. sed to agree a new contract Solicitors: Mrs Vivienne J. Horwhich he asserted had the effect of providing for unlawful deductions ton, St Helens: Revnolds Porter Chamberlain: Hopkin & Son, from his wages contrary to the Wages Act 1996. Mansfield: Nabarro Nathanson, Mr Martyn Barklem for the employer, Mr Nigel Grundy for

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said the employee had invoked section 60A of the Employment

Mennell v Newell & Wright

(Transport Contractors) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Phillips, Lord

Justice Waller and Lord Justice

Section 5(1)(a) of the Wages Act

1986 did not confer jurisdiction on

an industrial tribunal to entertain

a complaint by an employee that

his dismissal was unfair because

he had asserted a statutory right

not to suffer unauthorised pay

had actually deducted money

unlawfully from the employee's

wages. The mere threat of a

It was not confined to cases

here the relevant statutory right

had been infringed, but included

cases where the employee alleged

that the reason for dismissal was

that he had alleged that his employer had infringed his statu-

tory right. Provided it was made in

good faith such an allegation need not be correct either as to the

infringement.

stitlement to the right or to its

However, on the facts in the

May 2, 1996; [1996] ICR 607)

allowing an interlocutory appeal

of a Sheffield industrial tribunal

on May 10, 1995 that it had no

that he had been dismissed when

uction was not sufficient to

[Judgment July 10]

found jurisdiction.

found jurisdiction Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 which conferred a right not to be dismissed on the ground of asserting a statutory right.

From March 1993 until November 1994 the employee was employed by the appellants as a driver. In September 1994 the employer had issued a draft stan-dard form of contract to all its drivers and invited each to sign.

Threat insufficient to

The draft contract contained a provision not in the existing employment contract that enabled firm in the event of the employee's resignation to deduct from the employee's final pay the cost of his training in the carriage of dangerous goods.

The employee had refused to sign, although all his colleagues had done so. He was dismissed and complained of unfair dis-Section 60A of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, inserted by the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 and now section 104 of the missal. The employer maintained that he did not have the necessary Employment Rights Act 1996, app-lied even where the employee did two years' service to qualify for the right not to be unfairly dismissed and that in any event he had been not have the two years' continuous service required to qualify for the fairly dismissed for "some other general right under section 54 of the 1978 Act not to be unfairly

The employee then sought leave to amend the complaint to cover dismissal for asserting a statutory right, namely protection against unlawful deductions from pay contrary to the Wages Act 1986, The industrial tribunal had

unanimously decided that it had no jurisdiction to hear the comint because the employee had not been continuously employed for two years and on the alleged facts no statutory right could come into effect until the deduction or ailure to pay money had actually taken place.

However, on the facts in the instant case, the employee had been unable to establish that he had made any such allegation.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Newell & Wright (Transport Contractors) Ltd from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (The Times May 2 1006; 1006) 1006 1076 6070 The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal had held that section 60A(I)(b) applied where an employee alleged in good faith that his employer had infringed a relevant right.

There was no requirement that the right be actually infringed. Thus if the employer sought by dismissal to impose a variation of the contract of employment to incorporate a term which negated the employee's statute in the employee's statute. to suffer a reduction of without his consent, that was or might be an infringement of his statutory right at the time the threat was made. The appeal for hearing before a different industrial tribunal.

Although his Lordship agreed with the appeal tribunal's reason-ing on the construction of section 60A, the industrial tribunal had

jurisdiction. The employee had no general right not to he unfairly continuously employed for not less than two years. It followed that, apart from the possible application of section 60A, the industrial tribunal had no jurisdiction to entertain a complaint by the employee that he had been unfairly dismissed.

Dismissal for not agreeing to variations in the contract might well be regarded as unfair, but it was not in law sufficient to confer jurisdiction on the tribunal.

The industrial tribunal had no the employee under the Wages Act 1986. A worker might present a complaint under that Act even if he could not satisfy the two-year service requirement, but section 5(1) of the 1986 Act made it clear that the industrial tribunal might only hear a complaint by a worker in a case where the employer "has made a deduction from his wages". There was no jurisdiction to complain about a threatened deduction from wages, there had to be an actual deduction.

The critical question raised by the employee's reliance on section 60A was: what was the reason for his dismissal by the employer?

The two possible answers were He had been dismissed for refusal to sign the contract, which without more would not bring the case within section 60A and would iurisdiction:

2 He had alleged that his employ ers had infringed a relevant statu-tory right section 60A(I)(b).

His Lordship agreed with the Employment Appeal Tribunal that the industrial tribunal was wrong to construe section 60A as confined to cases where the right under the Wages Act had been Infringed. It was sufficient if the employee had alleged that his employer had intringed his statutory right and

that the making of that allegation was the reason for his dismissal. The employee could not succeed in establishing that such an allegation was the reason for his dismissal, because he was unable to identify when, where, to whom or in what terms he had alleged that the employer had infringed his relevant statutory rights.

Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Phillips agreed. Solicitors: Russell & Creswick Sheffield: Towns Needham & Co.

Equitable assignment of shares possible

In re Harvard Securities Ltd (in Liquidation) Holland v Newbury and

Before Mr Justice Neuberger Lindement June 201

Although there could not, in English law, be a valid equitable assignment of an unappropriated interest in chattels, there could be such an equitable assignment of

Mr Justice Neuberger so held in the Chancery Division in holding. the application of the liquida of Harvard Securities Ltd: (1) that the proper law for determining the issues, whether its former clients had a beneficial interest in shares it sold to and held for them (a) as to shares in United States securities, and shares in Australian securities sold to clients on or after July 14. shares in Australian securities sold Australian law: (ii) that in English former clients had a beneficial interest in the number of shares

sold to them.

Mr David Halpern for the

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER

recorded in Harvard's books as were being held "to your order under a nominee name".

damages in the bankruptcy.

USA shares were registered in the name of a nominee company. being held by a bank in London to Harvard's order. Clients were told that their non-numbered shares

There were four seminal authori-

I in re Wait ([1927] 1 Ch 606) where a majority of the Court of Appeal had held that sub-purchasers of 500 tons of wheat, out of a cargo of "1,000 tons . . . ex Challenger", who had paid for that 500 but not taken

total stock of a particular wine. 3 In re Goldcorp Exchange Ltd (1995) 1 AC 74) where the Privy Council, approving both the pre-

Stirling Council and Another

v Local Government Proper-

ty Commission and Another

[Judgment May 7] The power of the Local Govern-

ment Property Commission (Scot-land) when making a determin-

ation in relation to an individua

item of heritable property under article 3(1)(b) of the Local Authori-

ties (Property Transfers) (Scotland) Order (SI 1995 No 2500) was

limited to ordering transfer to a

single successor authority estab-lished under the Local Govern-ment etc (Scotland) Act 1994.

Lord Bonomy, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held dismissing a petition for judicial review of a decision of the Local Government.

Property Commission (Scotland) a

the instance of Stirling Council and Clackmannanshire Council.

Mr Stuart Gale, QC and Mr

Donald Rae for the petitioners: Mr

William Galbraith, QC and and Mr James Mure for the first

respondents: Mr Roy Martin, QC and Mr Ralph Smith for Falkirk

Before Lord Bonomy

vious cases, ruled similarly in respect to claims by customers to whom Goldcorp had sold bullion which it then purported to store for

4 Hunter v Moss ([1994] 1 WLR 452) argued and decided by the Court of Appeal after argument had been concluded but before the decision had been given, in Goldcorp, Moss, registered holder of 950 shares in a company with 1,000 shares issued capital, orally agreed he would hold 5 per cent of the issued shares in trust for Hunter. Lord Justice Dillon, distinguishin London Wine as being concerne with the appropriations of chattels and when the property in chattels passed said: "We are concerned with a declaration of trust, accept-ing that the legal title remained in [Moss and was not intended . . . to

Relating to Trusts and Trustees (15th edition (1995)) boldly submitted that Hunter v Moss was wrong because "there is no sound reason ing for distinguishing trusts of goods from trusts of intangibles but his Lordship was bound by it and unable to distinguish it. Accordingly, the holders of

rights to shares governed by

English Law must be held to have beneticial interests in them. The position was otherwise under Australian law, according to a detailed report from Australian Harvard's former clients would not have any equitable interest in any of the Australian shares held Harvard, it being necessary by Harvara, it being there to establish certainty of subject matter in relation to a trust

Judicial notice of knife

Director of Public Prosecutions v Hynde Before Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Gaze

[Judgment July 3] an article for use for causing injury

to the person and judicial notice could be taken of that fact The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved ment when allowing an appeal by the prosecution by way of case stated against the acquittal by Mr Stephen Day, Uxbridge stipen-diary magistrate on January 24, 1997 of Christine Hynde of having article made for use for causing injury contrary to section 4(2)(c) of

the Aviation Security Act 1982.

Mr Nicholas Coleman for the

annear and was not represented. LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the issue was whether the article in question, a butterfly knife, was made for use for causing injury to the person.

In the schedule to the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offen ons) Order (SJ 1988 No 2019) a butterfly knife was defined as: "a blade enclosed by its handle. which is designed to split down the middle, without the operation of a spring or other mechanical means

Whether a type of weapon was made for causing injury to the person was a question of fact, but in certain circumstances it could be a matter of judicial notice.

in R v Simpson (Caivin) (1983) I WLR 1494) the Court of Appeal held that a flick knife was offensive

per se, in that it was necessarily

made for use for causing injury to the person, since its very design betrayed the purpose for which i

same weapon, involving the same surprise as the flick knife Justice would be affronted it either in every case there had to be

turer's intention, or if the same butterfly knife was found to be an offensive weapon by one fact-finding tribunal and not by

The magistrate could and should have taken judicial notice of

the fact that a butterfly knife was an article made for use for causing lnjury to a person.

Mr Justice Gage agreed. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

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liquidator: the respondents did not appear and were not represented.

said that up to 1988 Harvard, a licensed dealer in securities, had acquired and sold to clients various registered Australian and USA shares, issuing contract notes for the former, to the effect that enmany shares had been bought by order of the client, who was told in side-letter that his non-numbered shares were held in nominee name on his behalf.

At some date, which his Lordship took to be not earlier than July amended so as to provide that their provisions were to be subject to and construed in accordance with

delivery before the purchaser went bankrupt, had no beneficial in-(Shippers) Ltd [1986] PCC (21) where Mr Justice Oliver had held. similarly, that purchasers out of the company's substantial stocks of wine, who had been given certificates of title as sole and beneficial owners, got no beneficial terest, even when purchasing the

pass immediately to [Hunter]." The House of Lords had refused Hunter leave to appeal.

Underhill & Hayton's Law

1994 Act made provision for the property of existing local authori-ties to be transferred to new

The petition related to the trans-

fer of a quarry which had been

owned by a regional council whose functions had passed to three

Unitary authorities. Those were the

two petitioners and the second

respondents on whose land the

The petitioners had applied

under the statutory scheme to the first respondent for a direction that

the quarry should be transferred to

the joint ownership of the three

authorities. The first respondent

power to do so. Judicial review and

reduction of that decision was

The petition was concerned with

the interpretation of article 3(3)(b) of the 1995 Order which the first

respondent considered that it had

that the quarry be transferred to a

That interpretation was chal-

single other successor authority.

ver under article 3(3)(b) to direct

unitary authorities.

quarry was situated.

or equitable assignment of securi-ties by identifying or allocating Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor.

Transfer of local authority property successor authority" should be construed as including the plural

> Interpretation Act 1978. In his Lordship's opinion, giving the terms of article 3(3)(b) their ordinary meaning demonstrated a clear intention that the provisions of section 6(c) of the 1978 Act should not apply.

The article dealt with specific property referred to as "it" being transferred to "such other successor authority" us might be speci-fied by the first respondent. The plain meaning of that provision was that the property in its entirety might be transferred to one other successor authority.

The first stage was to identify what the property was. The word was used extensively throughout article I and was defined and used throughout to describe the thing which was transferred rather than the right or title therein.

"It" referred to the thing rather than a particular right therein, it followed that the transferring au-thority must, if a direction were respectively were intended. Both referred to "the authority to which that property is proposed to be transferred" in the context of a determination under article 3(1) and a direction under article 3(3). That pointed to the power of the first respondent when making a determination in relation to an individual item of property under article 3(1)(h) being limited to ordering transfer to a single

articles 6 and 7 the singular and

plural were used in a way which

indicated singular and

successor authority. it was perfectly consistent with the whole purpose of the 1994 Act to transfer local authority func-tions to unitary authorities to provide that in the absence of agreement heritable property of a disaggregating authority should transfer to the ownership of a

single successor authority. The first respondents had cor rectly interpreted their powers and the petition would be dismissed. Law agents; Wright Johnston &

Council, the second respondents. Additional evidence should be allowed

Kriba v Secretary of State for the Home Department Before Loud Hamilton

Judgment March 19) Where evidence for an applicant for asylum was not challenged by the presenting officer and was uncontradicted, came from an apparently responsible source and was a vital element in the applicant's case, a special adjudicator should not reject that evidence without first affording to the

applicant an opportunity to adduce Lord Hamilton, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, pronouncing decree of reduction of a decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal to refuse Mr Ahmed Kriba leave to appeal against a decision of a special adjudicator to refuse his appeal against the refusal of an

application for asylum. Mr Robert Sutherland for the petitioner, Mrs Susan O'Brien. LORD HAMILTON said that

the petitioner was of Algerian nationality. In 1986 he had been given leave to enter the UK for 12 months and in 1989 had been removed as an illegal entrant. He had returned in 1991 using a French identity card to which he

had not been entitled and had

remained in the country until in 1996 he had been arrested on another matter. He had then applied for asylum. He had appealed to a special adjudicator against the refusal of asylum and leave to appeal to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal had

One of his contentions was that

he had a well founded fear of being persecuted if he returned to Al-

geria because he was a person who

been refused.

ad sought asylum. He relied on a letter from Amnesty International which referred to a report in an Algerian newspaper that Algerians who unsuccessfully sought asylum abroad and were forcibly returned to Algeria were likely to be ted and questioned and that

there was in turn a risk of their ing detained, and, in that event, being tortured.

The letter had not been challenged by the presenting officer. However, the adjudicator had stated that it was "anecdotal, inadequately sourced and not authoritative" and had rejected it as evidence for the petitioner's contention. He had not given the petitioner an opportunity to adduce additional evidence

His Lordship observed that reliance was commonly placed on information from Amnesty The weighing of the evidence had been a matter for the special

adjudicator and the fact that

evidence had not been challenged

by the presenting officer did not of itself oblige the special adjudicator in the present case, however, where the evidence was not only unchallenged and uncontradicted but came from an apparently responsible source and was a vital element in the petitioner's case, it was, in his Lordship's view, procedurally unfair to reject it without opportunity to adduce support for

The inferences to be drawn from the evidence were, of course, likewise matters for the special adjudicator, but peremptorily to reject the evidence itself was in the rcumstances an impropriety which, in his Lordship's view vitiated the special adjudicator's final conclusion which had proceeded on that rejection,

His Lordship proceeded on the premise, adopted by both parties, that the majority decision of the tribunal in Kaja v Secretary of State for the Home Department (1995) Imm AR I) that the lower standard applied ю all aspects of proving that a person was a convention refugee, was sound in law. His Lordship reserved his

own opinion on that matter. Law agents: Lindsays, WS, for Gray & Co. Glasgow; Solicitor to the Secretary of State for Scotland. prosecution: the defendant did not In his Lordship's judgment the

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RACING: AMERICAN JOCKEY LINKED WITH SINGSPIEL OR PREDAPPIO FOR ASCOT SHOWPIECE

Stevens awaits King George invitation

BY CHRIS McGRATH

GARY STEVENS, the inspirational American jockey, is set to return to Ascot tomorrow week to ride either Singspiel or Predappio in the King George VI and Queen Eliza-beth Diamond Stakes. His participation provides appropriate embellishment to what is shaping up as one of the best races staged in Europe for years.

Stevens illuminated the rainswept final day of last month's royal meeting with an indomitable performance on Predappio in the Hardwicke Stakes — the perfect finishing flourish to a ten-day visit.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SHELTERING SKY (5.30) Newbury) Next best: Russian Rose (5.00 Newbury)

intended to pave the way for a longer European stint in the

Now Stevens, 34, wants to consolidate those foundations. As well as Predappio, he has also ridden Singspiel, winning last year's Canadian International before linishing second in the Breeders' Cup Turf. Yesterday, his agent, Ron-Anderson, confirmed that he had offered his services for either horse - and it is hard to see Sheikh Mohammed rejecting, in the rider of 4,000 winners, the perfect solution to a major headache over riding

For Frankie Dettori looks like being a victim of his own. similarly charismatic success. The Italian has proved



Stevens, who gained his first British victory on Predappio, left, in the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot, is set to return for the King George

uniquely capable of bewitching Shantou, the St Leger winner, into producing his best — and the colt's trainer. John Gosden, yesterday admitted that Dettori's availability was a precondition to his planned participation.

The sheikh, who owns Shantou, would then need to find a rider for Singspiel, as well as the Godolphin pair. Predappie and Swain. Bookmakers are clear where Dettori's own interests lie. Coral dismissing Shantou at

12-1 behind three other topclass horses. The company has chalked up the French champion. Helissio, as 13-8 favourite, with Singspiel 2-1 and Pilsudksi 100-30. The Tote, which quotes Shantou at 16-1. also goes 13-8 against Helissio. followed by 3-1 about Singspiel and 7-2 Pilsudski.

But Gosden was emphatic, saying: "There is no point running Shantou without Frankie, let's put it that way. I've just got back from the United States, and we won't

be sorting things out until the weekend, but the plan at the moment is to run." Dettori was released from his Godolohin commitments to ride Shantou in the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket last week, and duly coaxed his mount home from Swain.

Clearly, the shelkh can make whatever arrangements suit him best, and Dettori who has won the Japan Cup and Coronation Cup on Singspiel - may be required to surrender the ride to Stevens.

Mick Kinane is already booked for Pilsudski, But Olivier Peslier could fit the bill for one of the other vacant saddles, having lost the ride on Helissio (to Cash Asmussen) when unable to guarantee his availability. Pat Eddery, who has been riding Kingfisher Mill, may be offered the chance to switch to one of the Godolphin pair - of whom Coral prefers Swain at 10-1,

though the Tote offers 16-1;

both firms quote Predappio at

The Godolphin horses, confirmed as runners yesterday, will be attempting to redeem a season that Simon Crisford. their racing manager, des-cribes as "a write-off". But the Dubai pioneers' disappointments could yet be sweetened by an adventurous tilt at the telbourne Cup, with Classic

"Classic Cliche will have only two runs before Melbourne, in the Goodwood Cup and the Irish St Leger," Crisford said.

5.30 Giko The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 INCLINATION. Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.30 ARIANT (nep). GUIDE TO OUR PACECARD Next (F — Brest, good to Bernt, hard. G — good. S — soil, good to soil, heavy). Owner in brackets. DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.30 E 8 F ECCHINSWELL NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-0; £3,854; 6) 8yd) (10 runners) 15 DVERTURE 25 (G) (L Lazzart) A Hangen 9-4 SYORIM FROMTHE SAST (A Hayes) & Harvaso 8-12 TUMPELWEED PROSPECT (Tumbleweed Pips) B Mic FORM FOCUS PREMITTIES limit Cod Of Silver head in fluids at all Sandown (72, opinic) higher head in fluids feet 2, cost 8675,000) half-brokker to half A Year, vary cost 8675,000) half-brokker to half A Year, vary cost for the PPS SOME (also 8, 36,000)gas; half-saster to seath stages Lord Jim Ballocitors: ARBANT 3.00 WATERMILL CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,996: 7f 64yd md) (8 runners) (#) 1122-81 DECORATED HERO 41 (D.F.S) (Eiors Lize H Allen) J Gescim 5-9-7 L Dation* 81 (#) 0-52003 CAMMAN KAI 14 (D.F.S) (I Weyle) R Homen 4-9-0 R Hughes 96 (#) 00-5200 EASY DOLLAR 29 (B.D.F.S) (B Guldey Lish B Bubby 5-9-0 N Hero 98 (#) 80 (#) MTHALI 25 (S) (H.al-Mathouse) B Heis 4-9-0 N Heis 71 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 180 (#) 1 | BD7 MTHALL 25 (5) (f) at Motioning is Hills 4-9-0 | R Hills 41-6534 RAHEEN 46 (8) (8 (s) Hills 141-6534 RAHEEN 46 (8) (8 (s) Hills 141-6534 RAHEEN 46 (8) (8 (s) Hills 145-1 | B Hills 145-1 SETTING: 9-4 Decorated Hero. 11-4 Hidden Mesolom, 5-1 Restructors, 5-1 My Branch, 7-1 Common Kin, 6-1 Secy Delta: 16-1 Milest, 25-1 Estates. FORM FOCUS DECORATED HERD has furnished Rinner 11 for 4increa lead race at Haydack (71, good in larm) with increa lead race at Haydack (71, good in larm) with increa lead race at Haydack (71, good in larm) with in stance of the stance 3.30 CHATTIS HILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,630: 51 34yd) (12 runners) 3-1 Military, 7-2 Sty Communiter, Beld Createll, 13-2 Minutell, 6-F Albeim, 10-1 Major Change, 12-1 Bouloniums, 16-1 oliters. BETZING: 3-1 Kentae. 4-1 Part Denas. 5-1 Aloha Whiste. 8-1 Date Shoe. To Low With Low. 10-1 others 1996: SORG OF SKYE 8-11 D Holland (33-1) 7 Haughton & ran 8.30 SOMERSKAM MAIDER FILLIES SKY | Section | Sect 4.00 WATERFORD FOOD INGREDIENTS FILLIES HANDICAP | Cartain | Cart (3-Y-0: £3,669: 1m 2f 6yd) (11 numers) 3-1 Match. 5-1 Affect, 11-2 Centerone Clinton. 6-1 Pasteolar Friend, 10-1 Operato, 14-1 Dealing, Mysterious Ecology, 16-3 others.

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ROWING

Prestigious

selection

is no longer

a lottery

By MIKE ROSEWELL

DAVID TANNER, the Great Britain international rowing manager, has announced a 16-boat team for the world championships, which start in Aiguebelette, France, at the

end of August, with the possi-bility of four further boats

being added.

The leading boats in the team have individual spons-

orship packages but, as Tan-

ner said: "Rowing's finances

have been transformed by the

National Lottery grant and the whole team is sponsored for training and the world

The men's team is headed by the coxiess four and the

coxless pair of Thatcher and Hunt-Davis, the latter having exceeded expectations after,

according to Hunt-Davis, getting into a pair by

Greg Searie, the 1992 Olym-

pic rowing champion. is se-lected in his first year as a

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Sean Bowden, the men's lightweight coach, sees this

season as a rebuilding year,

but regards the recently re-shuffled lightweight eight, which won at Henley, as a

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Brave new world in Lydon's hands

By Christopher Irvine

THE leafy opulence of Red Hall, the headquarters of the Rugby Football League in Leeds, hides the turnoil in the sport. After British sides were washed away by their Austral-asian counterparts in an al-most ceaseless tide of failure last month, the best that can be said about the resumption of the world club championship today is that there is a greater readiness.

Joe Lydon, rugby league's first technical director, sees some silver lining in the storm clouds. The maulings that many British teams suffered in the first series of matches did more than anything in his experience to create a climate

for change.
"Whereas there's been a barrier to any reform before, that barrier is down," Lydon. who took up his appointment in March, said. "The beatings by Australian sides were all the ammunition required. Suddenly, we were presented with the biggest fright and biggest challenge of our

"A lot of people have been negative about the world's chib championship. Myself to. an extent, when we were taking beating after beating. Minds, though, have been focused by what happened, Some players were severely embarrassed, but they are learning that it is no longer any good being a big fish in a little pond and that standards

much improve." A think-tank set up under Lydon's chairmanship was a reaction to the initial results. The findings will doubtless confirm the obvious need to invest in development, a pyramid structure on the Australian model to nurture players through to the top level and a concentration of talent in a less cluttered Super League. However, Lydon will not rest

allowed to gather dust. many plaudits in an administrative role as he did while playing for Widnes, Wigan and Great Britain. He is close enough to the players to reflect their views and not wrapped up in the parochial politics of

rugby league. "You can measure any sporting individual or organisation on how they respond to adversity," he said. I'm confident that, with the calibre of people in the game, we can turn it round. I don't think we're a million miles away, as some suggest. It's a matter of 5-10 per cent. but that figure derives a lot from

the sheer strength in depth of the Australian game, "People say don't rush into decisions," but we've had more than 100 years and still not got it right. There are short-term measures we can take to identhy talent earlier and to educate and promote it with the right coaching and in the right environment, but the bigger, longer-term picture, is about a broader base of talent, both in the game's heartland and

"At club level, the game cannot go on being run as a hobby. If you put the title Super League next to some-thing, then it should be super. Clubs and the players, too, have to be less selfish. All the Super League money went to the clubs, but nothing to development. It's no good them operating as little sepa-rate satellites. The whole of the game's interests need to be looked after."

Next month Lydon must nominate the new Great Britain coach for the three matches against Australia in November, a series that fills him with less trepidation than the next coming matches.

"Australia could probably pick three Test squads of equal standard. With the cream of our crop, we can at least be competitive and perhaps more. It would be wrong to get too downhearted. If you stuck Wasps, Bath or Leicester in the Super 12 in rugby union, they'd struggle, but it didn't prevent the British Lions win-

☐ Of the British trio involved Lydon, 33, is earning as in the world chib championship tonight, Leeds have the best chance of revenge in their return match against Adelaide at Headingley. Oldham are at home to North Queensland and Warrington have the least enviable task, away to Penrith. -

Parry's power puts arch-rival in shade



Wilson begins his quest to be selected by Britain for the European championships by winning his heat in the men's 1.500 metres freestyle

with

0.90sec adrift. It was Parry's

first national long-course title

Karen Pickering produced mixed blessings. The 25-year-

old from Ipswich reclaimed

the 200 metres freestyle title

and showed that she is

The first race of four for

54.62sec.

over 100 metres.

By CRAIG LORD

THE rivalry between the best British butterfly specialists was rejoined yesterday when Stephen Parry scored his third victory of the year over James Hickman on the opening day of the Amateur Swimming Association national championships at Crystal Palace.

Their tussle in the 100 metres was a little more onesided yesterday than it had been when Parry, a 20-yearold Liverpudlian who attends Florida State University, beat Hickman, 21 and from Stockport, over 100 and 200 metres at the trials in April for the European championships.

Hickman was slow to get down at the start and slow off the blocks. He lost the race over the first 50 metres when Parry ploughed ahead and turned almost a second up. Hickman's frantic efforts to pull back the deficit fell short

and Parry stopped the clock at

However, her time of 2min

recovering after a winter of back trouble after a car

was outside the

Hickman

selection time for the Euroturn to the ironmen of the pean championships in Seville next month. It will be the first leading international event since 1991 in which Pickering will not compete in the 200 metres. She will, however. attempt to add an individual race to her Seville itinerary in the 50, 100 and 400 metres

over the next three days. After a day that failed to produce an addition to the Britain team selected at the 1.500 metres freestyle. Graeme Smith, from Stockport, the Olympic bronze medal-winner last year, is already selected for Seville. All eyes will be on the other

two British swimmers ranked among the top ten in the world over 1,500 metres, Paul Palmer, Olympic silver medalwinner in the 400 metres freestyle, and Ian Wilson. They will battle for the re-

pic event, "has a realistic chance of making the final", according to Bowden. Mike Spracklen, the women's coach, has produced three heavyweight crews with medal prospects. The coxless pair of Blackie and Bishop

and the double scull of Lindsay and Batten each finished third in the World Cup rankings, while the real bonus was the form shown by the coxless four in Lucerne, where they won and beat the

Searle is the only member of the team who will race at the national championships. which start today in Nottingham. He races 27 opponents in the single sculls.

Ullrich's rating climbs

ality of the Tour de France, will seek today to increase his grip on the race

leader's yellow jersey in the mountain time-trial in the Massif Central (Jeremy Whittle writes).

After the rest day yesterday, Ullrich, of Germany, who won the linal time-trial in the race last year, will roll down the start ramp in St Etienne as favourite to increase his overall lead mountain-top finish in Andorra, the former amateur world champion struck a colossal blow against his principal rivals, Richard Virengue, of France, and Marco Pantani, of Italy.

Virenque and Pantani, both re-nowned climbers, had expected to turn the steep ascents of the Pyrenees and Alps to their advantage, but Ullrich's assured display has left both men wondering if he can be beaten.

"He doesn't seem to have a weakness," Virenque, who is second overall, said, "but after the time-trial there will be another race against the clock to try and make the most of the alpine stages, where I hope I can take the race lead

However, many obervsers believe inat Ulifich. 23. the inito volinges Pyrenees on Tuesday. By winning that rider to wear the yellow jersey, will still arrives in Paris. "He's still very young, but I'd give him a 90 per cent chance of winning," Bernard Hinault, the most recent French Tour winner, said, "In fact, if he doesn't have any problems with injuries, I can see him winning six, maybe even seven times."

Plucky crew beats odds

THE last, but by no means the leastregarded, boat arrived in Southampton yesterday after successfully completing the BT Global Challenge (John Goodbody writes). Time & Tide became the first yacht to sail round the world with crew members who have a disability or have survived a lifethreatening illness.

Skippered by James Hatfield, 41, a former chef, the boat crossed the finish ne at 3.34am after the nnai jeg from Boston in the United States. The winner, Group 4, arrived at 1.06am on

Wednesday.

Time & Tide was crewed by 25 men and women. Some of the crew completed the whole journey, but most swapped places to sail on selected legs during the ten-month race from Southampton to Rio de Janeiro, Wellington. Sydney. Cape Town. Boston and back to Southampton. All the yachts had a core crew of amateur volunteers. Time & Tide finished last on the first

leg to Rio but, two days out from Brazil on the second leg, she was leading the fleet of 14 identical 67ft boats. She finally arrived in Wellington in eleventh place, despite two crew members being out of action, one with a broken foot, the other with an infection and a temperature of 104 degrees. On the fourth leg. Time & Tide managed an even better result, sailing through Hurricane Fergus to take tenth position when the fleet arrived in Cape

Although the boat finished last on the final two legs, the crew still demonstrated what can be achieved through unyielding perseverance.

VESTERDAYS BESULTS

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Wednesday's late details

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7.50 NIGHTFALL CONDITIONS STAKES

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(£3,120: 6f) (16)

8.20 NETTON CLAIMING HANDICAP

Doncaster

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Placapot: £288.40. Quadpot: £122.70.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Cover the East-West hands and see if you can find the best line in Six Clubs, on the lead of the king of hearts. Dealer South Love all

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Pass Pass Pass All Pas 3 C 5 H (2) 4 NT (1) (i) and (2) Blackwood, and

showing two aces. This was a good natural auction. The key bid was North's jump preference to Three Clubs. Some duplicate players would wrongly try Two Diamonds, "fourth suit forcing", over One Spade. You should use that only when you don't have a clear alternative. Here Three Clubs accurately expressed North's trump support, two aces and singleton spade.

The right play is a particularly simple example of a technique I've discussed before. Declarer might just take the club finesse, a 50 per cent chance. But best is to lay down the ace of clubs, and if the king doesn't fall, lead the queen of diamonds hoping West has

the king. (If West plays low you re-enter dummy with a spade ruff to cash the ace of diamonds for a heart discard.) This way you make (a) if the king of clubs is falling (about a 26 per cent chance) and (b) failing that, when West has

the king of diamonds — 50 per cent of the remaining 74 per cent, for a total chance of over 60 per cent. But you don't need to work out the percentages - just to notice that laying down the ace of clubs reduces you to at worst taking the diamond finesse, and thus has extra chances over the immediate club finesse. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

a. A donkey-cart b. A silly idiot c. A vulture

CLOUE a. Sea mist b. Studded c. A game of patience

ENCIERRO a. A bull run b. A garland of daisies

Answers on page 46



BY RAYMOND KEENE

I have given much thought to who are the top ten players in the history of chess. My as-

not just results but quality of play, as well as general contribution to chess culture. In chronological order, they are: Morphy, Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, Botvinnik, Fischer, Karpov, Kasparov, Anand and Kramnik. In the game today, Anand destroys Short's chances of a high placing in

mund tournament. White: Viswanathan Anand Black: Nigel Short

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abcdefgh In future articles I shall return to this question, giving reasons for my choices and suggesting a possible ranking order. I am also open to improvements and suggestions from readers. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on

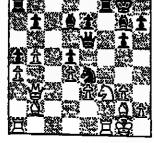
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Oslon -Grunfeld, Israel 1997.

White's next move catches Black in a clever crossfire. Can you see how he achieved this?



Solution on page 46

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☐ Peter Murphy, the apprentice, received a seven-day suspension for irresponsible riding at Bath yesterday. He was found guilty of causing interference aboard Cauda Equina in the Tore Bookmakers Handicap and banned from July 26 to August 2

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Scorers in threat to strike over England's selection

BY SIMON WILDE

THE popular image of the cricket scorer is, probably, of a middle-aged, mildmannered pen-pusher. In fact, that impression became outdated four years ago, when the county scorers were forcibly told to

exchange pencils for laptop computers serving the world's media as well as the clubs. It may change for good if a proposal for strike action is agreed at an extraordinary meeting of the Association of County Cricket Scorers (ACCS) later this month.

What has roused the association's ire is the reappointment by the Eng-land and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) of Malcolm Ashton as scorer for England's winter tour to the Caribbean, Ashton, who scores for BBC television, is not a member of ACCS, which strongly feels that the appointment ought to come from its number.

The ACCS is to discuss Ashton's selection at Derby on July 28, when the only proposal on the table is for a one-day strike on Sunday, August 31, when all 18 counties are involved in Axa Life League matches. The meeting was called by ten of its members, but there are others who are unhappy at talk of strikes and intend to work, even if action is approved. Under the ACCS's constitution, a straight majority of those present is sufficient to car-

ry a proposal.
"I think it would be most regrettable if the association were to take this course of action." Tim Lamb, chief executive of the ECB, said yesterday, "and I find it hard to reconcile with its assurances, at the time it was set up and asked for our approval, that it was not a militant body but an asso-ciation of like-minded professionals."

Ashton was first appointed to score un tour two years ago by Ray Illingworth, the England manager, who had worked ongside him for the BBC. After initial protests, the board agreed to consider applications for the post when England visited Zimbabwe and New Zealand, but still gave the job to Ashton.

Lamb stressed, however, that Ashton's job would have a wider brief than before. "It will not simply be that of scorer." he said. "Malcolm will be an administrative assistant, taking on some of the duties previously carried out by the tour manager. Malcolm has done an excellent job in the past and received glowing reports."

The ACCS hopes that the threat of strike action will persuade the board to agree to appoint association members as scorer in future and also take official scorers with England A and under-19 touring teams. At present, local

CRICKET

Australian follows in master's footsteps

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

CHELTENHAM (second day of four): Derbyshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 190 runs behind

FEW cricketing institutions are so entrenched or revered as the Cheltenham Festival. Shaun Young proved the point yesterday, making the highest score on this ground since W.G. Grace's 318 against Yorkshire in 1876 and responding with the joy of an Australian in Utopia. Young made 237 out of

Gloucestershire's imposing 484. a remarkable transformation after 13 wickets had fallen in the first three hours of the match. By the close of the second day, Derbyshire required a miracle to escape

Gloucestershire took some distinguished soundings before offering their overseas place to Young this year. He is a rung or two short of being famous, but he has already proved himself to be a capable cricketer and, on the eve of the festival, he surveyed this timeless scene and determined that would make a hundred

He did rather better than that, especially in view of the fact that no Gloucestershire player had previously made a championship century this season. Young, a combative left-hander reared on pitches of this pace and bounce, relished the short-pitched bowling to equal Wally Hammond's record score for the county against Derbyshire.

Of his 39 fours and two sixes, the great majority were pulled with intimidating force. Derbyshire never did learn where to bowl to him and, once past 200, a feat he greeted with both arms held aloft, he posed a threat to Grace's enduring record.

He was out hitting across the line of DeFreitas in his first over with the new ball, but the bat for most of today to alter 14. innings has improved his the tone of this match.

prospects of being offered renewed terms. Although Courtney Walsh has a testimonial next year. his commit-ments with West Indies remain unclear and Gloucestershire may yet require Young to return if Walsh is

again unavailable until June. The Gloucestershire innings, once in deep strife at to for three, ended more than 24 hours later with the clatter of three wickets for one run. Between times, the dominant feature was a stand of 244 between Young and Alleyne, 17 short of the county fifthwicket record.

The temperature had dropped yesterday and the ball declined to swing. Derbyshire were exposed and, for more than an hour, Young and Alleyne took runs at will until the captain, three short of his century, fended against the persevering DeFreitas and was caught at slip.

The innings then fell into decline, sustained only by a merry stand of 44 in eight overs, between Russell and Ball. Derbyshire might almost have thought they had got off

Mike Smith did not strike with the new ball and it was not until Alleyne introduced himself that Derbyshire's stride shortened. Rollins, who had driven imperiously, was caught at second slip and Adams, out first ball on the opening day, managed one more before edging to Russell.

May, playing only his sec-ond championship match, nudged and scuttled his way to 46 before Smith returned to claim yet another leg-before decision. As if to demonstrate the fast-bowling mentality that some doubt he possesses, he then greeted Vandrau invalided out on Wednesday for stitches in his jaw - with two successive bouncers. He survived the ordeal, along with Barnett, but they need to



Curran's rhythm unsettles Essex

BY BARNEY SPENDER

NORTHAMPTON (second day of fourl: Northampton-shire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 103 runs ahead of Essex

THE Northamptonshire bow-ling attack might appear to be one of the less penetrating in the country. Mohammad Akram, the Pakistani, and Paul Taylor are a far from frightening new-ball pairing. Scott Boswell and Jeremy Snape are still at the apprentice stage, while Kevin Curran is 37, medium paced and has a

dodgy shoulder. Yet, on a pitch that, if a touch on the slow side, is still full of runs, they knocked over Essex for 275 and so took a valuable first-innings lead of 89. By the close, the Northamptonshire opening partnership had extended that by

Each of the bowlers contrib- way to 50 from 52 balls, only just 318 coming from his 14 this form continues.

uted and, with the exception of Rob Bailey, who sent down a solitary over of off spin, they

Nasser Hussain showed any signs of permanence.
This was only Hussain's Rob Bailey, who sent down a solitary over of off spin, they each took a wicket; but the key players were Akram and Curran.

Akram remains an enigma. He lopes in at no great pace and does not appear to do much with the ball, but occasionally he slips in a beauty that leaves the batsman in a land of uncertainty. Curran, on the other hand, seems to have found a rhythm and fitness that have eluded him for the past couple of years. Last season, he took just three wickets, but his four for 32 yesterday was his third fourwicket haul of the summer and was his best return since

To be fair. Essex did not bat well and, like Northamptonshire on Wednesday, made gifts of some of their wickets.

second innings for Essex since he scored 207 for England in the first Test at the start of June, and he was far from his fluent best, but, with wickets falling at regular intervals, he opted for occupation, his 77 coming in a tad longer than four hours. He did, however, collect nine fours and a six before Curran elicited an uppish drive to Bailey at mid-on.

Graham Gooch, on the other hand, failed again, a feat that, on his performances this season, no longer grabs the headlines. For the best part of the past two decades, he was the most consistent hatsmen in the country, translating an insatiable appetite for runs into championship and oneday hundreds, that brought Essex a cabinet-full of trophies. This season, however,

innings before this match, and the former England captain has only two half-centuries to his credit

Perhaps, in his role as an England selector, the hunger for runs has been satisfied; maybe, with his 44th birthday only a week away, the reflexes are simply slowing down.
Yesterday, he showed that
the talent was still there in a

thrilling cameo that included two sixes in the opening over. of the innings from Akram. The first ball, a half-volley on leg stump, was flicked away over square leg, and the sixth. a bouncer, disappeared over

long leg.
In the past, he would have capitalised ruthlessly on such propitious beginnings, but, yesterday, he threw it away in lame fashion, misjudging a gentle, short ball from Akram and falling leg-before. There is talk of him playing next year, tered ten boundaries on his the runs have dried up, with but that is hard to visualise if

Taylor fails to mask frailties of Sussex top order

BY RICHARD HOBSON

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Sussex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 405 runs behind

SUSSEX are approaching the stage where their cricket evokes sympathy rather than wrath. The top order is simply too fragile to compete and the biggest indictment of their calamitous state is that the events of yesterday unfolded with utter predictability.

Only Neil Taylor, recruited last winter at the age of 37, and, to a lesser extent, Keith Newell demonstrated the necessary resolve to meet a target of 412 to avoid the follow-on. Their best score of this unhappy campaign is only 411, and but for Taylor, they would doubtless have begun their

second innings already. The requirement of an ac-complished batsman to reinforce their rubbery backbone becomes more evident with every championship game. They have sounded out Tony Greig, their former captain, as to the merits of several Australian players and will study the remainder of the Ashes series

with interest. bowl as well as they can in restricting Sussex to 156 for five before the rain came. Lenham fell leg-before in the sixth over as he pushed ineffectually outside the line and Reo shuffled across his crease when Martin switched to the Spretford End, Austin accounted for Athey and Greenfield in

the same over. After dropping the century-maker, Crawley, on Thurs-day, Greenfield, yesterday shouldered arms to a ball that napped back to clip his bails before he had scored. Taylor, at least, showed the full face of his but in defence, and drove Yates for six to add to his 11 fours before he gave a catch to Shadford at extra cover.

Batting was not the same treacherous pursuit in the morning session. Watkinson, hooking powerfully, and Austin, who forced crisply off the front foot, were able to complete half-centuries. Watkinson declared 18 minutes after hunch on 561 for

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Durham battle for survival Weather halts Marsh charge Hampshire

BY PAT GIBSON

day of four): Durham, with five second-innings wickets in hand, need 159 runs to avoid an innings defeat by York-

WHEN the trustees of the Durham Light Infantry offered a cup that is reputed to be the biggest piece of sporting silverware in the world as the prize in the county's championship matches against Yorkshire, they made one stipulation. Just as the Ashes always remain at Lord's, the trophy would stay in Co Durham. it was just as well. Unlike the Second Battalion of the

Light Infantry, who won the trophy so many times in the 1920s, when it was the All Cup, that they kept it, Durham's cricketers have never looked like winning. They have lost to Yorkshire

four times and drawn once in their five previous meetings and were in full retreat again last night after conceding a first-innings deficit of 220 and then collapsing to of for five. with Roseberry unable to bat after being hit on the head the day before. Even Captain David Boon, recruited from the Tasmania pioneer corps to lead Durham out of the trenches, seemed to have lost heart by the end of another day of Yorkshire domination.

It began well enough for Durham when McGrath. 57

SCARBOROUGH (second India Regimental Football overnight, was caught behind off Walker without adding to his score, but then Lehmann. Yorkshire's Australian import, took control. He had cracked two sixes and 12 fours in his 80, taking him within 59 runs of becoming the first batsman to reach 1.000 runs this season, when he shouldered arms to Foster and was

bowled. An unbeaten 74 from Parker and a typically breezy 34 from Gough further strengthened Yorkshire's grip before their attack again showed Durham how to capitalise on the grassy pinch. Silverwood struck a crucial blow by bowling the obdurate Lewis and the rest. Boon included, virtually surrendered.

FOR THE RECORD

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Kent have scored 198 for nine wickets against Leicestershire

IN MANY ways, it was a nearly day. There was nearly some play after funch, after all but a full morning, and Steve Marsh nearly completed his tenth first-class century when play stopped ten minutes short of the lunch interval. In the interests of a Kent victory, he may well miss out, for an overnight declaration is called for now that Kent's remarkable recovery has taken their first innings to almost 500.

Fulfilment was possible, however, for Mark Ealham. His innings had been at the heart of Kent's resurgence

By JACK BAILEY

from 126 for five and, 96 not out overnight and having spent nine overs in the nine-. ties, he agonised for a further Il overs before achieving

three figures. He did not face the bowling until the eighteenth ball of the day as Marsh commandeered the strike. He then faced 39 balls without moving from his overnight score, a run that ended when he pushed a single off Ormond. A three off Mulially finally did the trick. Amazingly, it was only his third century. In all, he batted for a minute more than 612

hours for a career-best 139. While Ealham went on to record his highest first-class score. Marsh continued to bat with outrageous aplomb for one so low in the order. He was dropped at deep third man when 44, but otherwise showed the Leicestershire attack little mercy as he made his way to an unbeaten 98.

One Leicestershire bowler to emerge with flying colours from the hammering, however, was Ormand. According to Jack Birkenshaw, the Leicestershire couch: "He is. unusually mature for a 19year-old, continually thinking of variations and different. ways to get the batsman out.". His was an excellent performance and, in due course, Ormond might pass on the secret of the ball that dismissed Ealham, via the bottom edge, on to his pad, then dislodging the leg beil.

staring at defeat BY SIMON WILDE

GUILDFORD (second day of four): Humpshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 277 runs behind Surrey

IT WAS the turn of Surrey's bowlers to do themselves proud yesterday as they put in an excellent day's work in impromising securistances to leave Hampshire viewing from a distrince their follow-on target of 328. Hampshire finished the day on 200 for five in reply to Surrey's first innings of 477 and, with Hayden and Smith gone, will now do well to escape defeat.

In the first couple of hours Hampshire proceeded serene ly past the hundred mark for the loss of only Laney, playing down the wrong line to Ben. Hollioake. Hayden was in his ciement, punching off drives and pulling to his hearts. content and closing in eagerly on the 93 runs that he needed to become the first batsman to score 1,000 runs this

Surrey, however, stuck to their task well and in mid-alternoon Bicknell had James caught and, two overs later, squeezed a ball through Hay-den's usually water-tight defence. Hayden's score stood at 58, his aggregate at 965.

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ALTHOUGH the Australians were understandably intent on providing as much opportunity as possible to those on the periphery of their Test side, they still managed to give themselves a decent chance of beating Glamorgan, whom they bowled out for 254 yesterday. Steve James made 91, an innings that included 15 fours, but there was little other batting of note. Paul Reiffel took five for 61 and there were wickets, too, for Michael Bevan, who needs them almost as much as he needs some runs. In his very English way, Reiffel moved the ball around

at a fullish length, making the batsman play at virtually everything, and took the last five wickers. If he was originally left out of the touring party because of concerns about his fitness, there have been no disconcerting signs thus far. On a warm day, on which he was assisted only by some low bounce, he never looked other than a classy Glamorgan are the county

championship leaders, and decidedly so, but that was not always apparent here. Only James batted for any length of time. The Editor of Wisden believes that the description of a team's performance as "lacklustre" is a quaint part of cricketing terminology, and he is probably right. That though, was exactly what Glamorgan's batting was, in front of another excellent crowd at Sophia Gardens.

They were unfortunate over one particular dismissal. James and Morris constitute the best opening pair in the country at present and their parmership yesterday looked likely to become their fifth of a century or more this summer. They had made 88 when Morris, who had struggled to complie 13, was leg-before attempting to pull a ball that looked to be high and wide of

This was off Bevan, who was given a considerable amount of bowling in case, no doubt, he does retain his blace for the fourth Test next week. Two balls later, Dale drove



James, the Glamorgan opener, gets to grips with the Australian bowling

diving catch. Bevan added a third wicket, and a significant one, when James pulled a short ball to mid-on. It was a surprisingly tame end to more than three hours of resolute concentration. He is 15 runs short of becoming the first batsman to reach a thousand runs this summer.

Reiffel then took the remaining five wickets. Butcher was caught at short mid-on and Thomas at first slip off one that lifted. Metson, accorded a generous reception on his first held a stunning, left-handed played down the wrong line, cruel. He swivelled as he going for them.

FORTHCOMING

COMPANY GOLF DAYS

Cosker was yorked and the best ball of all cut across Cottey, having him caught at the wicket. In the pale evening sunshine, Reiffel showed that he can bat a bit, too.

With the Test match in mind, the Australians mixed up their batting order. The experiment did not come off. Langer, Slater and Bevan, all of whom Taylor had wanted to have lengthy innings, managed 18 runs between them. Langer's dismissal, for a batsman looking to play at

Parkin, who is Watkin's understudy, is on the quicker side of medium. When he caught Julian in his follow through and had Berry taken at the wicket, he had three

wickets in 20 balls. The Australians were then 42 for five but, given that they had a firstinnings lead of 115, it was of no great concern. Glamorgan will be left with runs to chase today and, such are Maynard's attacking inclinations,

swung at Parkin and dis-lodged a bail in so doing.

35 fours off 335 balls.

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SHOWN the way by Salim Elahi, who stretched his maiden first-class hundred into 229. Pakistan A turned their 166 for three on Wednesday into 489 for nine declared at Worcester, patiently building a lead of 224 on the type of true and paceless pitch on

Elahi helps

Pakistan

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at home

By JOHN THICKNESSE

which they play at home. When Solanki, riding his luck, survived II overs to the close with Weston, a draw was by a distance the likeliest result, today being the last day. As preparation for any Test cricket that lies ahead of the young touring party. however, their approach was as good a way as any of learning how to try to win in conditions loaded in favour of the bat.

Elahi, 20, opened with Aamir Schail in two Tests on Pakistan's tour of Australia in 1995-96, failing cheaply to McDermott and McGrath.

Against a Worcestershire attack lacking Newport, Illingworth and Lampitt. however, the nearest he came to getting out in 451 minutes came at 93, when Hick got the tip of a fluger to a slash off Sherivar that raced for four. and at 192, when a miscued, forcing stroke against an off break from Solanki fell just out of Weston's reach.

Built on roughly the same lines as Salim Malik. Elahi missed next to nothing on his legs and also plundered the 55-yard pavilion boundary through the covers and third

A long-on six and a textbook late cut in successive overs from Solanki were illustrations of his range. He was eighth out at 452, caught off a tired slice a few yards inside the deep point boundary 20 minutes before the declaration, having hit two sixes and

Doggedly as Worcester shire stuck to an uphill task. there was so little for them in the pitch that misplayed attacking strokes were needed to end stands of U.S. III and

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TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 251 runs behind

LITTLE has gone right for Nottinghamshire since they won the toss. Warwickshire batted diligently, to the extent of making 51 runs for the last wicket, and then took seven wickets before rain managed to do what fading light could not and force the batsmen from the field. In all, 51 overs were lost in the day, 43 of

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them to overnight rain. When Warwickshire finally resumed their innings after lunch, Bell and Donald took the score to 344, and that total appeared more than respectable when they started bowling.

Brown, who is looking ever more a handy all-rounder, made a preliminary incision when he had Robinson and Johnson leg-before. Welch then added a thrust of his own, bowling Astle as he tried to withdraw his bat and taking the edge of Archer's bat.

Donald gained several moral victories before Afzaal tickled another catch to Frost. Then Brown, in his second spell

from the Pavilion End, ended Pollard's innings when Ostler held a good catch at second slip and, two balls later, persuaded Tolley to steer one to Penney at third. Brief as it was, the shower that followed left the outfield sopping wet and made the covering facilities of this Test-match ground look primitive.

Tickets for the first four days of the fifth Test have already gone, but interest in championship cricket in Nottingham is limited. The local paper last night carried not a word of the first day's play, when Paul Franks became the youngest player in the club's history to take a hat-trick.

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Rob Hughes joins the 'dew-sweepers' searching for morning glory at the 126th Open

Tiger's gallant advance guard earn their stripes

wicked wind, gusting to 25mph, is sweeping off the Firth of Clyde. A lone jogger is running into the teeth of that wind along the shoreline: more to the point, a solitary golfer is out on the links. already hitting ball after hall. preparing himself, physically and mentally.

Shaun Webster, 20, an amateur, has the privilege — the mixed blessing — of hitting the first ball of the Loth Open Championship, the seventh to be played on this capricious Ayrshire coast. He is nervous and expectant and he knows enough about life, enough about golf, to suspect that in this wind the course will demand respect even from the greats, or will strip away the self-respect of those who do not come in the right frame of

He strikes balls on the driving range for 40 minutes then putts for 20 and, bright and early, walks to the first tee by seven o'clock. "It didn't really occur to me that this was such a big thing until I saw said. *Obviously they thought

t is not yet 6am and a it was quite important and it cash. He has two young gave me a few butterflies, but my drive didn't come straight out of the middle of the club, at least I hit it down the middle of the fairway."

indeed, he did. Webster was, over the next 44 hours, to hold his own in company with the beefy and appreciably gifted Argentinian, Ange Cabrera, and the 22-year-old from Swindon, David Howell. Those first off the tee so early on the first morning are known as the "dew-sweepers". the pathfinders who can set the tempo for 156 of the world's *Good morning, ladies and

gentleman. May I welcome van to the 120th Open golf tournament," Ivor Robson, the starter, immaculate in his powder blue blazer and his precision, announced. The clock behind the tee struck 7.15am. Robson called: "This is Webster." With that, we were off, a tournament that embraces multimillionaires, that totals £1.6 million in prize-money and that will offer Webster not a bean. Cabrera,

mouths to feed, he smites the ball an awfully long way, with a low trajectory and, in registering a first round of 70, one under par, Cabrera was, indeed, to set the pace for the bigger names that follow.

With the wind at their backs, they left that first, narrow fairway and left virtually the entire complement of early-bird fanatics huddled together for warmth behind them. There was no one around the corner: the grandstands, later to overflow for Tiger Woods, were like skeletons, the BBC television cameras hidden beneath green tarpaulins. The sea to the right was grey and inhospitable, the sky above a patchwork of heavy grey clouds. And that wind kept coming, kept changing the skyline, and kept those on the virgin turf moving at their briskest pace.

It is a strange, compact course, bordered to one side by water, to the other by a busy railway line. With Prestwick airport beyond the 9th hole, the galfers were becoming surrounded by the distracting



Webster clocks on at Royal Troon yesterday and sets the championship in motion

course - the sandy soil deprives Troon of those — it was indeed a bleak early morning. Cabrera, swinging freely with the wind, was the first to

longer 6th, producing a drive of 369 yards, the longest of the day until Woods drove 435 yards at the 4th. Howell was first to find the hazards, drop-

ping into a burn at the 3rd. wiping out his excellent start of two birdies with a six, visiting bunkers and gorse.

morned level that he does not

being caddied by his father, Paul Shaun Webster, a golfer since he was seven, was demonstrating ample power with his driver, good control with his irons and, on the outward nine, solid putting. He reached the turn in 36, one stroke more than Cabrera, one ewer than Howell.-However, the turn, as later

exponents as experienced as Tom Waison and Greg Norman were to concede, was vicious. "It was like playing two different golf courses, downwind and then back into the wind," Norman said. You've got to use every aspect of your game in conditions like se. You've got to sense it, feel it, be as near faultless as YOU CERT."

Excusably, therefore, Webter, the rookie, immediately found that the homeward half required a different applica-tion, a different strength. He took a double-bogey six at the 10th and was to bogey three more holes, but also to claim a birdie at the 14th to finish with an acceptable 75, one stroke fewer than Colin Montgomerie. Howell, steady but never

Cabrera was away from both

This Argentinian, from Cordoba, was also experiencing his first Open in Britain. "I like this course, though I think I play better on normal cour-ses," he said. "I was pleased, especially with my putting. I was pleased with everything. apart from the 13th."

This was where the test of all Scotland's guests might be measured. Cabrera, until then almost serene as he smiled at babies and watched bemused as a swallow playfully followed the flight of his putts, bad drive and a bad chip," he said A bad putt, too, for he missed from two feet. He and his two

English escorts had christened the 1997 Open. Then Webster, such an unassuming and lessant young man from Ifield, near Crawley, was almost swept aside as a posse of television cameramen backpedalled towards him. Their interest? Of course, Tiger Woods, little more than a year the senior of England's

Knowing Norman shows elements enough respect

By MEL WEBB

ALMOST without exception. the best players in the world have come to Royal Troon this week hoping for the wind to blow, and blow hard. Those who have respect for the game know that the elements play a huge part in Open Championship history: it is not what it should be if the wind and the rain stay away.

It sounds all very altruistic, does it not? Nobody is bigger than the game and the great courses on which it is played. all that stuff. Well done, chaps, we're proud of you for putting thee behind me, thou birdieinstrument of the devil.

Unfortunately, it is not quite that simple, or unselfish for that matter. Because the second, latter, but probably more crucial reason why a howling gale is hoped for by the great and the good is their very

The better player you are, the better you are likely to play in all conditions. By and large, an Open Championship course without at least an enthusiastic breeze, but preferably a howling gale, is a dowager lady waiting to be robbed of her jewels.

Whip up even half a storm, however, and the leisty old girl tightens her girdle and beats off attempted muggers from all points of the compass.



except those armed with the unanswerable heavy weapons of talent and imagination.

Given that, nobody should be too surprised that Greg best rounds of the first day in a 30mph wind yesterday. It was that he had played at Royal Troon since he broke the course record, with a 64, on the final day of the 1989 Open. That was a shining, spectacular and breathtaking performance - but, when placed in context, it was little better than the score with which he graced the championship yesterday.

A 69 it was, a classical round of golf in classical Open weather. Norman has been brimming over with Great White Sharkness in practice, and he needed every last drop of it on this day.

He knew, as did everybody else in the field or in the know, that a score that would stand up to scrutiny at the end of the



Norman on his way to a two-under-par 69 yesterday

the northwest and only one hole, the 126-yard 8th - the Postage Stamp - is played against it going out.

Conversely, only one hole, the 12th, is played with it score at Royal Troon? You had better accept, then, that you will have to make it on your way out, for the second you turn for home, it is tough, in bold type and with an exclamation mark.

Norman knew it, so he did it; simple as that. He birdied the 3rd from 18 feet, then chipped from the back of the green to two feet and made the putt on the 4th. He dropped a shot on the 5th, where he took two putts from five feet, but birdied the 7th after a delicious running chip that hugged the ground like a gundog's nose

He birdied the 9th, as well - a four-iron for safety, a nine-iron from the semi-rough and a six-foot putt. Out in 32, four under par. Now for the nasty bit. If ever there was a moment when Norman needed to gird his loins, this was it; it is pleasing to report that golfing loins can hardly have been girded better.

Lee Westwood, one of his playing partners and the best young player in Britain, let a bright start drift away around the turn and was given something of a masterclass by Norman in the artful skills of defensive golf over the closing stretch. It was impressive stuff, every bit as interesting as wimessing a glut of birdies.

Norman dropped just two shots to par over those nine holes, one on the 13th, a brute of a par four, 431 yards of peril played into the face of the gale, and the other, less explicably. on the home hole, when he chipped then took two putts from ten feet.

And then it was all over. Time for a nice cup of teat time to reflect on a job well done. Norman said that it was not possible to win the Open on the first day, but you could sure as heck throw it away. Not an original thought, but true nonetheless. Yesterday. he did not throw it away; now



Dejected, Montgomerie trudges through the long grass, contemplating his first round of 76 yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Accuracy deserts jinxed Montgomerie

John Hopkins follows the sorry progress of the local hero who

' Open Champion≤hip has struck once more. Why can't he do well in an Open! He has nearly won two US Opens and a US PGA Championship. What is it that causes him so much difficulty in the Open on this side of the

Atlantic? The man who had never before had a first round of less than 70 in an Open had no difficulty in maintaining this sequence yesterday. A 76 equalled his worst opening score in an Open since he made his first appearance, at St Andrews in 1990, It matched his five-over-par 76 in the first round at Muirfield

er who was so accurate in the final of the Andersen Consulting tournament in mid-May that he made Costantino Rocca, his opponent, look

seems unable to break the cycle of poor first rounds in the Open was using a driver or three-wood, a three-or five-iron; second-rate? Who was the man who played so beautifully to win the Compaq Euro-

pean Grand Prix at Slaley Hall two weeks later? And that blood-beaded fellow who chang like a leech to the leaders at the US Open before making a mistake on the 71st hole, who was that? Was he any relation to the man who scorched around Druids Glen in 62, nine under par just li days ago?

The answer, of course, is Montgomerie, but you would not have known it had you watched him yesterday. Montgomerie's game is built on accuracy. He is considered to be one of the straightest drivers in the world. Yesterday he was one of the wildest. It did not matter whether he

when he hit from a tee. his ball ended in the rough. In all he missed the fairway on Il

Montgomerie had to bole a five-foot putt on the lith to avoid a fifth successive bogey. He then had three more in the mext four holes and it took a brilliant bunker shot on the 18th, in full view of the members of Royal Troon, for him not to finish with what would have been his eighth

bogey of the day. There were mitigating circumstances for Montgomerie, who showed some newfound maturity in the way that he kept his head. A year ago he could not have done this. He fussed and fretted about pho-

tographers, intrusive spectators and goodness knows what eise last year at Royal Lytham. This year, by contrast, he maintained a tight rein on his temper. Even when he drove onto a path across the 18th fairway and found himself in the lenses of photographers, he shooed them away with some-

thing approaching good grace "Out of the way, lads," Montgomerie said. "Come on. You've done well so far." The wind turned the home-

ward nine into something approaching a route march. The par of 35-was all but unattainable. When Tom Watson, one of Montgomerie's playing partners, made a par coming home he regarded it as a birdie. Only the 12th

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Was no consolation to Montcomerie. He drove into the rough from the tee and then hit an approach that was pulled left into a bank. His ball was surrounded by grass cuttings and he tried, vainly, to get a drop from a rules.

"I hit only three fairways." Montgomeric said, looking suitably shamefaced. I can't remember the last time that happened. It was a very, very long time ago."

Montgomerie is far from out of the championship, but be needs an outstanding round today to claw his way back into it. Rounds of 76 and worse are not unknown to him because he had a 76 in the second round at the US Open last month and an 81 in the final round at the Masters in April Today, though, will be as much a test of his courage;

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Bir Strip The unbearable politeness of being a fan



Kicking and Screaming

here is a rather disturbing image that about Tiger Woods The Pied Piper, they call him. I think it is supposed to be a compliment to his charisma but it's odd when you consider what the Pied Piper did to all those kiddies in that very grim

If memory serves, the kid-dies were led over hill and dale and then never heard of again. Since "juveniles" were famously let in tree at Royal Troon yesterday, to encourage adoration of their role model, perhaps the Hamelin analogy should be dropped in the interests of good taste. But it's undeniable that people just follow him around - and I. don't mean those famous stone-faced bodyguards with their martial arts, coiledspring crouch:

Following people around is: what you do at golf tournaments. It leaves you pink of face and aching of calf but, if it's four miles, it's four miles. and that's that. It is not the only option, however. Oh no.

This being my first golf event, I have arrived unaided at the conclusion that you can either a) sit still in a nice grandstand beside the 14th green and let the golf go past, thus clocking every player of the day; or b) wear yourself to. a pink-faced frazzle following just one threesome over hill. tussock and glen, occasionally stopping at the back of the throng to gaze hopelessly at the back of people's heads and



A packed gallery watches in dutiful near-silence as Woods goes about his business on the 6th green yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

The right answer to this choice is a), obviously. How I came to choose b) is a mystery to me still, but there you go. Woods emerged from the clubhouse to remarkably little hoo-ha yesterday at 12.45. His fans stood in silent admiration as he practised putting and were reprimanded for taking unlicensed snaps. Nobody whistled or called having heard so much about rowdy crowd behaviour surrounding Woods in the United States,

found myself suppressing an out-of-place "Ooh" when a 20 yarder skimmed the hole. because I found I was onling

To be honest, seeing Tiger Woods in the flesh was a bit much for me, really. It was a pearl of infinite price for a toddler who is happy with beads on elastic. The truth is, I am in love with the golf swing. and there's not a chap in this

gasping in admiration at its heer beauty.

"Whap!" goes the tee-shot, and I let out a little orgasmic yelp, every time. On Wednesday, I saw Phil Mickelson idly whapping on the driving range and was so excited by perfect, beautiful swing (and left-handed! Think of that!) that I nearly passed out. laugh at this little weakness of mine. But, with a faraway

graceful final position (the weight on the left foot, the right knee resting across the left) and I tell them that, if Michelangelo were alive today, he would be hanging around golf clubs with a big block of marble and a mallet.

But Woods is a phenomenon. Yesterday, finishing one over par, he played his usual astonishingly long tee-shots (presumably with the nineiron or the sand-wedge), which

guess where his shots ought to land, and then walk an extra 150 yards, just to be on the safe side. But his main thing is his aura of greatness, which is why golf-loving folk run after him, carting stepladders. The number of privately-owned ladders at the Open yesterday made an impression on me, as you can tell. Only in mime from Eastern Europe have ladders featured so heavily in

a cultural experience.

FOOTBALL

thing to hit golf but, to be honest, it should still not be confused with Henmania or

other kinds of sports mania that involve a lot of shouting. rhythmic clapping or Mexican

waves. Golf is a strictly regulated world, in which women

are removed by force from seating areas and fans are told off for using a camera.

Between shots, and between

holes, the crowds surge quietly

and efficiently from one van-

tage point to the next, like children doing a fire drill at

school. The nearest the Woods

fans got to bad behaviour in

his first round yesterday was

walking away from the 5th

follow-through

leaves me gasping

would make for the green;

when he was putting, I would

make for the mid-point of the

This was a mere demonstra-

tion of hope triumphing over experience, however. Whether

to buy my own stepladder is

not a real choice for the second

round today, because I always

get vertigo on stepladders and fall off. When decorating, I

make the more solid choice of

standing on a sideboard, but

somehow the idea of pushing a

sideboard four miles is even

less appealing than studying

the fastenings on the backs of

Rather rash of Colin

Montgomerie, incidentally, to

tell Radio 4 yesterday that his home crowd might copy the

Woods phenomenon - thus

creating Colinmania, presum-

ably. But could Colin cope

sufficient strength of charac-

ter? We may never know.

Colinmania? Has he

people's beany-hats.

next fairway.

Ravanelli transfer collapses over pay

By David Maddock

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI'S proposed transfer to Everton collapsed yesterday over his pay demands. The Middlesbrough forward apparently rated his services in the £50,000-a-week bracket, a figure that Everton, unsurprisingly, balked at. Howard Kendall, the manager, said that his club simply could not

green before his playing part-ner, Bernhard Langer, had meet such demands. completed the hole. It was very "Fabrizio is on a very good contract where he is and we Personally, because I'm not always felt that meeting his terms would be the most pushy enough, I saw very little difficult stage of the deal." he said. "We tried hard and we of Woods's game first-hand yesterday. I got hold of the erroneous idea that I could came back quickly to make a stay one step ahead of the final offer in the morning, but

it was unacceptable to him and his advisers." Kendall's sights might now be set on Gianluca Vialli, The truth is, I am in love with the golf swing. The

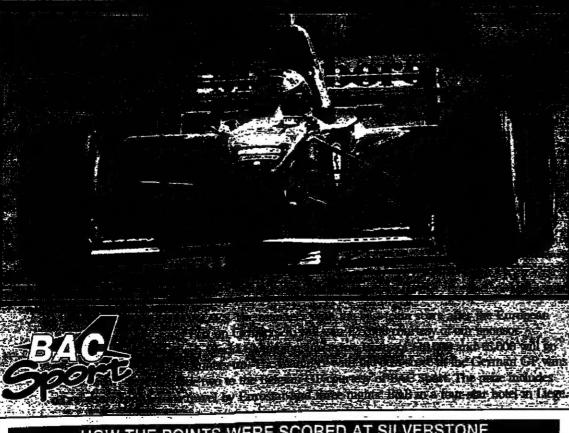
another Italy International who performs a similar forward role. The player would be available from Chelsea for a fee of about £1 million and even though Kendall suggested last week that his interest in the 33-year-old was slight, that has now changed given Ravanelli's stance. The fact that Everton were prepared to pay £7.5 million for the Middlesbrough forward, suggests that the dub will have no difficulty in meeting what would be a substantial salary package for Vialli.

Matthew Le Tissier, the Southampton and England forward, is expected to miss the start of the season after breaking an arm in a warmup match in Germany. Le Fissier fell awkwardly during the 1-1 draw with SVP

The destination of Roberto Baggio, the AC Milan player wanted by Derby County, remained uncertain vesterday. Bologna's manager, Renzo Ulivieri, said he was certain to join his club, but the Milan general manager. Adriano Galliani, said: "We had agreed Bologna's terms, but Baggio has had bids from two English clubs he wants to

EXCLUSIVE TIMES NEWSPAPERS GRAND PRIX COMPETIT

Fantasy Formula One race hots up for our £25,000 top prize



Qualifying points (scored by qualifying for the start of each grand prix within the first 20 positions on the grid): Pole J Villeneuve 30 points; 2 HH Frentzen 25; 3 M Hakkinen 24; 4 M Schumacher 23; 5 R Schumacher 22; 6 D Coulthard 21; 7 E Irvine 20; 9 J Herbert 18; 10 G Fisichella 17; 11 J Alesi 16; 12 D Hill 15; 13 J Trulli 14; 14 \$ Nakano 13; 15 J Magnussen 12; 16 P Diniz 11; 17 M Salo 10; 18 U Katayama 9; 19 J Verstappen 8; 20 T Marques 7. (Position 8 on the grid was taken by A Wurz,

who is not in the competition). Finishing points (scored for the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): 1st J Villeneuve 60 points; 2nd J Alesi 50; 4th D Coulthard 30; 5th R Schumacher 29; 6th D HR 28: 7th G Fisichella 27: 8th J Trulli 26; 9th N Fontana 25; 10th T Marques 24; 11th S Nakano 23. (Only 10 finished. S Nakano was classified although he did not finish the race. A Wurz, who is not in the competition, was third.) Lap points (one point for each lap completed): J Villeneuve 59 points; J Alesi 59; D Coulthard 59; R Schumacher 59; D Hill 59; G Fisichella 58; J Trulli 58; N Fontana 58; T Marques 58; S Nakano 57; M Hakkinen 52; J Magnus 50; J Verstappen 45; E Irvine 44; M Salo 44; J Herbert 42; M Schomacher 38: R Barrichello 37; P Diniz 29. improvement from starting grid to finishing position (3

points for each improved place): N Fontana 39 points; T Marques 30; J Alesi 27; D Hill 18; J Trulil 15; G Fisichella 9; S Nakano 9; D Coulthard 6.

Fastest tap time of grand prix M Schumacher 10 points. Penalty points incident resulting in a driver being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): H-H Frentzeri -10 points.

Did not finish the race (10 points deducted): E irvine -10 points; HH Frantzen -10; J Herbert -10; J Magnussen -10; J Verstappen -10; M Haldkinen -10; M Salo -10; M Schumacher -10; P Diniz -10; R Barrichello -10; S Nakano -10; U Katayama -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): none. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none.

CONSTRUCTORS Finishing points (scored for the first car only in the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): Williams 30 points; Benetton 25; McLaren 23; Jordan 22; Arrows 21; Prost 19; Sauber 18; Minardi 17. Penalty points incident resulting in a car being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): Williams -10 points. Elimination of a car during the race (10 points deducted): Ferrari -20 points; Tyrrell -20; Stewart -20; Williams -10; McLaren -10; Prost -10; Arrows -10; Sauber -10; Minardi -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): none. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none.

The top of our Fantasy Formula One leaderboard in I the race for our £25,000 top prize is headed by L Ackland from Guildford, Surrey. His team, Aston O. has a total of 6,765 points after scoring 846 points in last week's British Grand Prix at Silverstone. His team comprises M Schumacher, Alesi, Irvine, Trulli, ... - -Pisichella, Fontana, Benetton, McLaren, Ferrari, Sauber, Minardi and Lola: W Patterson of Newtownabbey, Co Antrim, wins a trip for two to the Belgian Grand Prix. His team, Wasps GP, scored 1,122 points at Silverstone, including the maximum 300 bonus points, and comprises Villeneuve, Alesi, Hill, Trulli, R Schumacher, Fontana, Williams, Benetton, Jordan, Arrows, Sauber and Tyrrell. J Haile from Bristol, wins a Sony PlayStation and CD-Rom game. His team, Hailes-Snails, scored 1,118 points which included the maximum 300 bonus points.

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been adjusted downwards by 10 points as his car did not

finish in that race. All entrants scores are correct.

OUR LEADERBOARD AFTER

THE BRITISH GRAND FRIA							
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3	Dragon Racing	R Davis	6608				
4	Gwilt F1	D Gwift	6596				
5	Formula Uno	P Tabone	6520				
6	The Tigglers	"Mr R"	6514				
6	Scuderia Vincitore	S Lorenti	6514				
6	Cathy's Clowns	Mrs C Robinson	6514				
6	Bezzotti Racing	A Scott	6514				
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11	Laura's Rob	J Smith	6508				
12	Sour Mash	R Owers	6497				
13	Will And Nerve	A Mewes	6493				
13	Cartell Racing	S Dimetto	6493				
15	Smith-Astra	D Smith	6491				
16	Parkhurst Racing .	L Danson	6462				
17	Team Julius II	C Gale	6454				
18	Midnight Ravers	C Newman	6446				
18	Cyclops	R Bohee	6446				
18	Goldfinch	S Goldfinch	6446				
18	Freaks	F Retkowsky	6446				
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03 J Villeneuve	149	888	15 U Katayama	-1	514	
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05 J Alesi	152	997	17 R Rosset	0	0	
06 G Berger	0	653	18 R Schumacher	110	563	
07 M Hakkinen	65	736	19 G Fisichella	111	869	
OB D Coulthard	116	788	20 S Nakano	92	577	
09 R Barrichello	27	448	21 N Fontana*	122	826	
10 H-H Frentzen	5	835	22 T Marques'	119	609	
11 J Herbert	50	740	23 J Magnussen	52	481	
12 M Salo	44		24 V Sospiri	0	0	
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27 McLaren	13	100	33 Tyrrell	-20	-11
28 Benetton	25	155	34 Minardi	7	39
29 Jordan	22	82	35 Stewart	-20	-79
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Tarso Marques replaces Trutti at Minardi and at Sauber Norberto Fontana replaces Gianni Morbidetti, who originally replaced Nicola Larini.

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Mr Nice Guy of athletics faces demanding challenges

Moorcroft takes over at the top

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DAVID MOORCROFT was yesterday handed the top job in British athletics and, inevitably, one of the first questions that he was asked, at his opening news conference, was whether he was tough enough for a position that has seen off two severely criticised incumbents in less than six years. Moorcroft, for all the medals that he has had hung around his neck, has always worn the halo of Mr Nice Guy.

An agreeable, caring and emotional man, Moorcroft's reputation as a sportsmanturned-BBC television analyst is much like Trevor Brooking's: pleasant, concentrating on people's good qualities. criticising only when absolute-ly necessary. Moorcroft's published tribute to the late Cliff Temple, the former coach and athletics correspondent of Sunday Times, who committed suicide three years ago. was as moving as any written by Temple's professional col-

Moorcroft wants us to know, though, that he is not a softy. He can be as ruthless as he was on the track during a career that included Commonwealth 1,500 and 5,000 metres titles, a European 3,000 metres record and, most memorably, a 5,000 metres world record on a heady night in Oslo, in 1982.

Clearly, Moorcroft's shake-hands-and-smile image was on the minds of the British Athletic Federation (BAF) panel that saw candidates for the job of its chief executive. Would he not be walked over? "You will not be surprised that was one of the questions asked at the interview." Moorcroft said. And the answer? "You need a degree of toughness to be a successful athlete and there are many extremely tough people, determined people, who hide behind the exterior of being pleasant," Moorcroft said. "I do not seek to be liked, but I would quite

like to be respected." Not everybody within the BAF headquarters in Birmingham is impressed at the selection of Moorcroft and he will need to prove that he can be a master of disguise. There needs to be ruthlessness behind the mask as British from one crisis to another.

The job title has changed



Moorcroft deals with questions unhesitatingly in a competent performance yesterday. Photograph: André Camara

1984; Finishes tast, injured, in Olympic 5,000 metres final 1989; Wins United Kingdom 3,000

and go back a number of years," Moorcroft said.

"I also recognise his talent is

sought by a lot of people within athletics. It is right that Andy no longer works for the

federation, but equally right

that other people who choose

to use his talents are able to do

that. He and I have not spoken

for a number of years, but that

eks over-40 world rate record.

metres title at 35 1993: Preeks over

from that held by Peter Radford, who resigned in January as executive chairman, and Moorcroft will not chair the management board. although, according to Ken Rickhuss, the BAF chairman, the new boss will have the power to hire and fire. "I think he is a man who has the ability to bring this sport of ours together," Rickhuss said.

While Moorcroft spoke of "huilding relationships", he was ready with an answer to the difficult issue of Andy Norman, who was dismissed as the federation's promotions officer after an investigation into his conduct arising from Temple's death. Temple and Moorcroft were close friends and he and Norman, who is now the agent for many

MOORCROFT'S TRACK RECORD

1971: Wins AAA unior indoor and cutdoor 5,000 metres titles. 1978: Second in relaboral cross-country championarilip over mere miles. Birst senior lite — AAA indoor at 1,500 metres; seventh in Olympic 1,500 metres; 1978: AAA outdoor and Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion. 1980: United Kingdom champion at 1,500 metres, withdraws if from semi-finals of Olympic aws without and Commonwealth 1,500 metres.

leading British athletes, have

not spoken for years. In a generally competent conference performance, in which he dealt with each question unhesitatingly. Moorcroft responded skilfully to the query on whether he would be able to work with Norman. "My thoughts on Andy are well documented

"Nothing short of brille

DUNGEON KEEPER. The most origin anticipated computer cares of the decar

"A stunning achieve

Aged. 44, a member of Coventry Godiva Harriers for more than 30 years and still a participant in local athletics. Moorcroft will take up his new post on October 1. In answer to suggestions that he may lack the necessary financial at-tributes, Rickhuss said that, of those interviewed, Moorcroft's qualifications were "not as good as some people on the shortlist, but certainly equal to

Moorcroft pointed to having headed a charitable trust with a El million annual turnover. He added: "I am really excited about the future. We have got much to look forward to and many opportunities to rea-

MBRIE

Wilkinson through

CHRIS WILKINSON and Danny Sapsford set up an all-British match in the quarterfinals of the Manchester tennis challenger tournament in Didsbury after both gained second-round victories yester-

Mark Petchey gave Britain another representative in the last eight after a straight-sets victory over Julian Knowle.

Polo: Hubert Perrodo's team, Labegorce, secured their place in the final next Sunday of the British open championship for the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup, when they defeated Urs Schwarzenbach's Black Bears 12-9 at Cowdray Park, Sussex, yesterday. In the second semifinal, Isla Carroll beat Laird 14-10

Shooting: Sedbergh won the Ashburton Shield for the schools championship for a second successive year at Bisley yesterday, scoring 480

— 18 points ahead of Cheltenh

WORD WATCHING Answers from page 41

AASVOGEL (c) A South African vulture, especially Gyps kolbii. From the Afrikaans aas carrion • vogel a bird.

FLAMMENWERFER (b) A flamethrower. From the German flamme a flame -werfer a thrower or mortar. werfen to throw. George Barker, Collected Poems. 1930-

55: "The flammenwerfer and

acknowledge him creator." CLOUE (b) Studded with nails, usually in heraldic largon. The French word. Cloué, studded with nails. A Portcullis, or a Gate, is sometimes thus described."

ENCIERRO (a) The driving of bulls through the streets of a Spanish town from a corral to a bull-ring, frequently for the specific purpose of giving amateurs an opportunity to play the bulls. Literally the Spanish for "act of enclosing

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE i NgSt and the pressure along the a2-g3 diagonal proves decisive, e.g. az-g8 diagonal proves decisive, e.g. I ... Rxf1 • 2 Rxf1 Nxg5 3 Bxd5 and

or locking up".

TELEVISION CHOICE

How much did they know?

Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century BBC2, 9.35am (not Scotland)

The latest in a lively series of historical conundrums concerns the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and how much the Allies knew about it in Harbor and how thuch the Allies knew about it in advance. The episode was a military embarrassment to the United States but a political godsend to Britain. It brought the Americans into the war against Japan and also, thanks to Hitler declaring war on the US. Germany as well, it is often said that President Roosevelt knew about the Pearl Harbor plan but let the Japanese go ahead so that he could lead a united country into war. The film takes a different tack arguing that Churchill knew from the breaking of Japanese codes what was likely to happen but kept the information from Roosevett. Churchill calculated, correctly, that a Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor would end

The First Night of the Proms

BBC2, 7.30pm.

Although the annual summer Froms are primarily a radio festival, with every note of every har being carried live on Radio 3, television is again doing its bit. The First Night, and, of course, the Last Night, are being carried live and are among ten concerts being transmitted on BBC1 or BBC2. As usual, the First Night features a large-scale choral work. Beethoven's Missa Solemnia, a towering statement both of personal beliefs and universal themes, is given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Bernard Haitink. The musicians are augmented by the BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Chorus and four distinguished soloists in Karita Mahila, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, Herbert Lippert and Anthony Michaels Moore, James Naughtie takes time off from the Today programme to full the presenter's role that was for so long held by Richard Baker.

Close Encounters: Sea Change Channel 5,7.30pm

Siobhan Redmond narrates a sorry rale of man's best efforts to destroy one of the glories of nature. It is true that over the centuries coral rees have come and gone without human intervention, the victims of storms or long cold spells. But they have also



Chris Barrie, Dr Mark Porter (BBCI, 850pm)

recovered. Now, especially off the shores of developed countries, the regrowth of coral is being inhibited by pollution, disturbance and silt from construction work onshore. The recovery of reels is construction work offshore. The recovery of reets is economically important, as they attract tourists and provide rich pickings for the fishing industry. Conservationists, too, have an interest in their survival. The wildlife cameraman Jeff Simon reports from his home base of Florida on schemes for rebuilding reefs and encouraging fish to breed in them.

BBC1, 8.50pm (not Scotland)

Comedy has long been used to put over propaganda, witness the use of wireless comedians such as Gert and Daisy to broadcast food hinss during the Second World War. So Chris Barrie's Gordon Brittas follows in a distinguished line. The nerdish leisure centre manager is our guide to keeping fit and healthy in a series of ten-minute films which combine the humour of The Brittas Finance with a serious message. Those of us films which combine the humour of The Brittas Empire with: a serious message. Those of us deemed to carry too much weight will have been told many times about the need to take regular exercise, starting with brisk walks. Now that it comes from a sitcom star we might finally take notice. That, at least, is the strategy of the series which also features Mrs Brittas (Pippa Haywood), the TV doctor, Mark Porter, and celebrities such as Suzanne Chariton. Peter Waymark

Return of one of the more stimulating late-night

programmes on radio, though maddeningly short at 20 minutes. The format is essentially that of a minute table forum on the week's events and those at the table include Anthony Howard of The Times. Michael Dobbs, the novelist, Lord Steel of Alkwood. Terrence Hawkes, the Shakespeare scholar, Steel of Alkwood. Terrence Hawkes, the Shakespeare scholar,

wood, Perence Hawkes, the Shakespeare scholar, Sheila McKechnie of the Consumers' Association, and Michael Shea, the novelist and former press secretary to the Queen. It is a good line-up but not even Patrick Hannan, who is an excellent presenter, can hope to get the best out of six erudite people in such a short space of time. But given the moves afoot at Radio 4, we shall be lucky to have such a programme at all after next April. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

(Plano Sonata in B flat major, Op 17 No 8) 8.00 Evening Concert. Mozart (Symphony No 31 in D major (297: Paris) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00 Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

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RADIO CHOICE

Ten Junction Radio 4: 11.25pm

Radio 3, 7.30pm Radio 3,7-30m

Tonight sees the opening of one of the great BBC radio and television showcases of the year, the 103rd season of the Proms, consisting of some 73 concerts spread over a period of eight weeks. Those who remain quietly mystified as to what happened to the title Henry Wood Promenade Concerts are living proof that the BBC got away with remarketing the series as the BBC Proms without too much of a fuss. I think the change was a bit of a cheek but the it is the music that really maners and this year it is indoubtedly of a high order of merit. this year it is undoubtedly of a high order of merit. The season is introduced, as usual, by James Naughtie and begins tonight with Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, an personal statement of the

7.00em Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow in Beach Park, Invine 12.30pm Newsbest 12.45
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6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Phoenix Liver Peter Tong's Essential
Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00em Radio 1 Rep Show

RADIO 2

6,00mm Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Welte Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Gotte Sing, Gotte Dence 7.36 Findey Night is Mixel Night 9.15 Born Free 8.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Sheridan Morley

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The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Meir 1.30 The Open.
Coverage of the second day of the 128th Open Championship at Royal Troon. With John inverdels and Tony Adamson 8.00.
Friday Sport. Includes the Super League Vise world club championship game between Leads and Adelaide 10.00.
Paper Talk 11.00 News Ears with David McNell 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up All Night with Richard Dallyn.

TALK RADIO

5.00em Chris Ashley and Sandy Wart 7.00 Paul Rose 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonaire Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd

7,00cm Nick Abbot 19,00 Greham Dene 1,00pm Jeremy Clark 4,00 Nicky Home 7,00 Paul Coyte (Filit) / Robin Banks (AM) 10,00 Alan Freeman 12,00 Mark Forrest 2,00 Howard Pearce

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes
Vivaldi (Concerto in G. minor, Op 10 No 2, La:
Nota): Liszt (Les Pretudes): Beethoven (Overture:
Fidelio): Bach (Concerto in in A minor for FourHarpsichords, BMY1065); Musaorgaly, en:
Stokowski (Boris Godunov Symphonic Symthesia).
9.09 Morning Cotlection, with Penny Gore, Includes
Ravel (Vatses Nobles at Sentementales); Faund
(Las Dinns): Stravinsky (Symphony in E. Bair)
19.09 Michaelal Encounterse Chettentham Feethval, with
Chris Wines live at the Town Hall, Includes Biss
Plymn to Apotlo): Dowland (in Derliness Let Me
Dwell): Thomas Ades (Derliness Visible);
Beethoven (Clarinet Tino in B flat, Op 11): Holst
(Corne to Me, Op 12): Hoddinati (Passaggio);
Humfay (O Give Trantic unto the Lord): Hubbre
(Eight Preludes): Amold (Symphony for Brass)
12.00 Proms Composer of the Weetc Beethoven
1.00pm News; St David's Hall Eurohtisse Rectal.
The first in a new stx-part series of rectals from
Cardiff, Sahan Azzuni, plano, performs
Knachatusian (Poera; Toscasa): Korstiss (Seven)
Dences; The Shoroc of Mush); Tarzian (Ode to
Vahan); Khachaturian (Somatina)
2.00 Private Passions, in the last of the present
series, Michael Berteley talks to Lord Harewood,
whose choices include works by Britten, Pripodiav,
Janacek, Vardi and Wagner (r)
3.00 Minhing the Archivee Proms Preview, Fione
Talkington introduces recordings from the BBC
archive in anticipation of the first night of the 1997Proms. The programme leatures periormences by
ensembles and soloists who will be appearing at
the Albert Hall this year, Includes Bartok (Pondos
on Stovsk Fork Turnes); Masswall Device (Feritasia No 1 on an in Nomine by John Tavener); Brahms

(Four Songs, Op 46); Imagen Holst (String Guintet); Topost (Concerto for Double String Orchestra) Unchestra)

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5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 8.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parisment 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's 9.00 Noive 9.05 Desert Island Disce. Sue Lawley's castavay is Redmond O'Harlon (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dundley'
10.00 News; Negotiators (FM). Dr Rej Perasud looks at a bank siege in Greenwich Village, New York, in 1975 and talks to the man responsible for freeing the 850 hostages (4/4)
10.00 Arr Act of Worship (LW)
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10.30 Women's Hour, with Diana Madili
11.30 The Natural History Programme. A special edition from south west Wales introduced by Suan Mcliwraith

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12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whitefer
12.25pm Food Programme. The weekly look at the
world of food with Detek Cooper 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at Ours, with Nick Clerke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Sorfalt, North and South. The
first part of Charlotte Keatley and Michael Fox's
dramatisation of Elizabeth Gaskell's appropriate
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3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
and his quests

3.00 News: The Afternoon Shift, with Laure Taylor and his guests
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Tim Marlow traces his cultural nots from Chasterfield in Conwell
4.45 Short Story — The French Collections On Horsebeck. Written by Guy de Maupassant, translated by Mary Balande Green and read by Simon Russell Beale
5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Jon Sopel 5.50. Shipoing Forcest 6.85 Weather. Shipping Forecast 5.95 Weather 6.00 Siz O'Clock Name

6.20 Going Places. A new series of the programme in which David Stafford presents ideas for days out. This wask he visits the Coronation Street. Experience in Manchester. Plus the artist Reich Steadman fours the vineyards of Kent
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week. The best of the week's BBC television and radio selected by Chris Sorie.
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke charts the topical debate in Thombury, south Gloucestersine. On the panel are Tim Collins, MP, Peter Hachens, Germaine Grees and Tomy Banks, MP.
8.50 Law in Action, Presented by Marcel Berlins. Margaret Plenn asks whether our courts know how to deal with Idrensic exidence.
9.15 Letter from America. Another sice of the Stateside served up by Alistar Cooke.
9.30 Kaleldoscope Feature: The Ferens Gallery, Hud. Petroc Tretawny celebrates the 70th arrivessary of the municipal gallery in the centre of Hulf (f).
10.45 Brook at Bedtime: Captalin Corelli's Mandolfin, by Louis de Berniere. Abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Robert Powell (10/6).
11.00 Goodness Gracious Me. The all-Asian comedy statch show: With Sanicer Bheskar, Kulvinder Ghir, Niin Sawhney, Nina Wedle and Meera Syal 11.25 Ten Junction, See Choice.
11.45 Today in Parliament. A roundup of the day's events in Westminster.
12.00 News includes 12.27 am Weather.
12.48 Shipping Forecast.
1.00 As World Service.

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The low road to the truth about architecture

hen they give out the prizes for catchiest title of the year. I think the makers of How Buildings Learn (BBCZ) can safely stay at home that night. But despite the apparent determination to make as few people as possible watch it, the series is emerging as one of the great unexpected treats of the summer. It's felevision that somebody has put real thought into - and when

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did we last see any of that? That somebody is .. Stewart Brand, who, inevitably, has written a book on the same subject and who, inevitably, is American, But we can forgive him both, simply hecause his arguments are so appealing and so cogently put. His sic contention is that architects get it wrong, which in terms of courting popularity is right up there with "lawyers charge too much" and "politicians don't tell the truth". The difference is: he can prove it, at least to the degree

where he gets a book and a highly diverting television series out of it. Last week he kicked off by debunking the triumph of form over function in modern architec-

ture, arguing persuasively that architects have become obsessed. with how a building looks and have little interest in how it works or, in particular, how it evolves over time. Brand likes buildings that are shaped by experience, that can survive any number of generations of workers coming in and sticking drawing pins into things the architect said they shouldn't. "The main architect is time." he concluded, which, if nothing else, was a nice line.

Last night he moved on, with a celebration of those, buildings where function is everything. He called them "low road", which was not quite such a winning soundbite but made the point. We would recognise them as sheds, garages, shacks, warehouses, mobile

leftovers. Brand likes them so much he divides his working day between an old shipping container and a converted fishing boat in his back garden. But he is Californian.

rawing on examples from both sides of the Atlantic, he showed how well such low-cost space works and in particular, how easily it adapts to the demands of different occupiers. But just as we were all thinking "that's all very well but I don't have room for a fishing boat in my backgarden", he brought the whole thing closer to home. Most houses have low-road parts: a cellar, an attic, a garden shed. Because they're the parts we tend to care least about how they look, when we do convert them to a new use home office, gym, recording studio

— they work brilliantly.

But before you could shout
"Why didn't I think of that?", you

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realised that all sorts of people had, It's how a whole sector of property development now works. First the artists move into the cheapest redundant space they can find; then it becomes fashionable, and then the developers move in. buying studios and turning them into loft apartments. We all know happened, and as Brand concluded, "the same sequence is no doubt beginning somewhere else". But where? Follow that easel.

Chris Patten is about to move to distinctly high-road Barnes, southwest London. But for now, as far as I know, he is still on holiday in France. If he's got any sense, he will stay there until The Last Governor (BBC2) is over, Three weeks in, it resembles nothing so much as a terrible traffic accident happening in slow motion. Much more of this and Patten will look back at his close encounter with Innathan Dimbleby about as fondly as the Prince of Wales must.

For, despite Dimbleby's best endeavours to do right by his old friend, it is becoming increasingly difficult to see Pattern as anything other than naive and foolish: doubly so for inviting the cameras in. When even Baroness Thatcher reluctantly admits that the negotiating position was hopeless, you have to listen, don't you? Sir Percy Cradock, a former Ambassador to China and one of Patten's fiercest critics, was cast as the villain of this piece, but was actually rather splendid. He favoured negotiating what these days would be described as "the least worst outcome", rather than Patten's confrontational effort to parachute democracy into Hong Kong at the eleventh hour, "What do you think of people who describe you as kow-tower-inchief?" asked Dimbleby. "That they know nothing about it,"

while in the

Cradock replied, imperiously. ne continued annovance is Dimbleby's curious reluctance to identify when his undeniably impressive range of interviewees are talking. Some. such as Thatcher and Lord Young of Graffham, are clearly relatively recent, while others are - less clearly - contemporaneous with the events of 1994. Patten, being the star, is in both times at once but, without a caption, we have no idea which is which. Only jacket lapel width and comments such as "I think there is a very good chance of the electoral arrangements we have put in place surviving through 1997" provide clues.

Finally, over on Channel 5 (goodness, that's the third time this week), Mariella Frostrup is emerging as both the strength and the weakness of The Car Show, the channel's disappointingly pedestrian answer to BBC2's Top Gear. Her strength is that she is female and not Jeremy Clarkson; her weakness is that having quite sensibly made a handsome living by hiring out her distinctive voice to the highest bidder in the voiceover market, it is disproportionately difficult to believe that she knows what she is talking about or, indeed, very much cares. The booming Patrick Allen, you may recall, had a similar problem after all those ads for Barratt Homes.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (15673) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (r) (10031) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (r) (3355302) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (1786708). 9.50 Kilroy (T) (5458876)

10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (55031) 11.00 News (T) and weather (7949654) 11.05 Due South The duo are assigned to track

down a gang of bank robbers disguised as Santa Claus (r) (T) (1255506) 11,50 Good Neighbours (2966437) 12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (8427147)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (r) (6104895) 12.35 Neighbours (T) (8852654) 1.00 News (T) and weather (20418) 1.30 Regional News (42437925)

1:40 Perry Mason: The Case of the Killer Kles A soap star is murdered. Raymond Burr stars in his last appearance as the ace attorney (3559963)

3.10 Quincy A nurse seeks Quincy's help after the death of a heart-attack victim, leading the ever-alert coroner into a bizarre investigation into what looks files a medical cover-up (9331876)

4:00 Popeye (r) (7805418) 4:10 To Me, to You (T) (4214505) 4:35 (N) News: Work (r) (8903944) 5:00 Newsround (T) (1045012) 5:10 Record Brestoes (r) (T) (4633925) 5.35 Neighbours (1) (1) (858895) . 6.00 News (1) and weather (809).

6.30 Regional News Magazine (401) 7.00 Celebrity Reedy, Steady, Cook Rory Branner and June Whitfield join chess Brian Turner and Antony Worrall-Thompson (1) (3692)

7.30 Top of the Pops including a satellite link-up with Jo Whiley from U2's concert in Rotterdam's Feyencord Stadium (1)

B.00 Only Fools and Horses The Trotters are going up in the world in this classic late-1980s episode: Del-Boy has become a yuppie and Rodney has started a computer course at nightschool; where he meets Cassandra (t) (T) (752925)

Get Fit with Britise: Doctor's Orders (I) New six part series at cornedy shorts designed to of household names, including Chris Barrie, TV doctor Mark Porter, and

Suzanne Charlton (1) (505692) 9.00 News (1) and weather (7499) 8.30 Stake Out (1987) Seattle detective Richard Dreyfuss leads the hunt for an escaped municipal but white recipitations escaped murdarar, but while maintaining surveillance on his quamy, falls for the suspect's former girlfriend. With Emillo Estevez, Madelaine Stowe and Aldan Quinn. Directed by John Bacham (T) (215741)

11.25 U2: PopMert Live from the Feyencord Stadium in Rotterdam (1) (948692) 11.55 Waterhole No 3 (1987) A crocked

sheriff, a gambler and a thief turnt for a stash of stolen tooky. Western, starring James Coburn, Carroll O'Cornor and Margaret Blye. Directed by William Graham (173031)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: Who Belongs to Glasgow? (7939876) 6.25 Age and Identity (9923963)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (6894692)

7:30 The Moomins (7913050) 7.55 Cartoon Critters (6854302)

8.20 Mr Benn (6532383) 8.35 The Record (2454012)

9.00 Cartoon (5664296) 9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (1784588)

9.35 Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century Insight Into Japan's 1941 attack on Peerl Harbor.
Last in series (2442128)
10.00 Telefunbles (72383)
10.30 International Golt: The Open Steve Rider Introduces early action from round two at the Royal Troon Golf Club in Ayrshire. Peter Alliss, Alex Hay, Dave Marr, Peter Oosterhuis and Peter Thomson provide the commentary. Thomson, provide the commentary 12,30pm Working Lunch Ackinn Chiles

presents the latest business news (32645) 1.00 International Golf: The Open Further second-round coverage from Troon in



James Naughtle presents (7.30pm)

The First Night of the Proma James Naughtie presents coverage of the concept five from the Beethoven's choral mass. Misses Solemnis, performed by the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Featuring worldrenowned soprano Karita Mattila, mezzo-soprano Catherine Wyn-Rogers, tenor Herbert Lippert and baritone Anthony Michaels-Moore, Bernard Harlink conducts. Simultaneous broadcast with fladio 3. N.B. Subsequent pro-

grammes subject to change and late running (91780) 9.00 international Golf: The Open Steve Rider presents highlights of today's second round at Royal Troon (216418) 9.40 Rab C Nesbitt: More Another airing of

the 1994 Hogmanay special (172186) 10.28 Talking Tate Willie Carson on William Powell's painting of The Derby Day (973925) 10.30 Newanight presented by Kirsty Wark (T)

11.15 The A-Force Roy Diamond presents the

guests (406470) 12.45am Mo' Better Blues (1990) Denzel Washington stars in director Splke Lee's vibrant portrait of a self-centered jazz trumpeter whose single-minded ambi alienates those who care about him. Lee co-stars as Washington's friend and manager, with Wesley Snipes, Joie Lee and John Turturo (25068190) 2.50 Weather (6891451)

HTV6,00am GMTV (8529166) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1770147) 9.55 Judge Judy (T) (4483876) 10.20 News (T) (8278673) 10.25 Regional News (T) (8277944)

10,30 Home is Where the Hart is Crime drama starring Robert Wagner and Stephanie Powers (94960296) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (8416031) 12.30 News (T) and weather (8888079)

12.55 Designed by Emanuel (8856470) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (37568215) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (T) (8895925) 2.50 Garden Calendar (T) (8298437)

3.20 News (T) (1996876) 3.25 Regional News (T) (1995147)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (r) (4295321) 3.40 Cartoon Time (1586944) 3.50 Zzzap! (r) (1582128) 4.00 The Treacle People (T) (4111031) 4.15 The Real Ghostbusters (T) (248963) 4.45 Get Wet (8990296)

5.10 A Country Practice (1606079) 5.40 News (7) and weather (880993) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (835470) 6.25 HTV Weather (T) (751079) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (499) 7.00 Beadle's Hotshots Jeremy Beadle



Griffin and Lawson (7,30pm)

7,30 Coronation Street Fiona seeks solace - but with neither Alan nor Steve. With Angela Griffin and Charles Lawson (T)

8.00 The Bill: Stand by Your Man When a prisoner reveals he is being intimidated to smuggle drugs, Daly uses underhand methods to find the supplier (f) (4708)

8.30 Surprise! The guests included Ant and Dec, Baywatch's David Hasselhoff, EastEnder Wendy Richard and Cockney singing duo Chas and Dave are among the celebrity guests helping Cilla Black make a few dreams (or nightmares) come true (1) (25875) 9.30 Tarrant on TV (r) (T) (88857)

10.00 News (T) and weather (72708) 10.40 Caddyshack II (1988) with Jacke Mason, Dyan Cannon, and Robert Stack. Comedy about a self-made millionaire

persuaded by his social-climbing daughter to make a doomed attempt to join an exclusive golf club. Directed by Allan Arkush (11062741) 12.25am Short Story Cinema (5990513) 1.00 Aspen Extreme (1993) Romantic

melodrama with Paul Gross and Finola Hughes. Directed by Patrick Hasburgh 3.10 Bonkers (T) (1779093) 4.10 Coach (r) (20089587) 4.35 An Invitation to Remember (r) (22822987) 5.00

Coronation Street (r) (T) (12971) 5.30

CENTRAL As HTV West except: 10.30am Surprise Chefs (57499)

11.00 Side Effects (5491037) 11.50 Dogs with Dunbar (3484234) 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8856470) 2.50-3.20 Right or Wrong? (8298437) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1606079)

6.25-7.00 Central News (117857) 10.40 Film: Company Business (78734316) 12.30am Movie Show Special: Die Hard with a Vengeance (3753242)

12.55 Film: A Father's Revenge (330838) 2.40 The LADS (1767258) 3.15 Bonkers (6970838)

WESTCOUNTRY

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MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 10,30am Film: Tell Me No Lies (94960296) 12.55pm-1.25 Shortland Street (8856470) 1.50 Surprise Chefs (59450418) 2.20 Put It to the Test (66354760) 2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (8298437) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1606079) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (76012) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (585147) 10.45 Highlander (654586)

12.35am Campus Copa (3752513)

ANGLIA As HTV West except: 10.30am Film: Tell Me No Lies (94960296) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (8856470) 1.55 Murder, She Wrote 803944) 2.50-3.20 Countrywide (8298437) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1606079) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (117857) 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (585147) 10.45 The Warehouse (95905147) 12.20am Short Story

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CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (70893) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (83811) 9.00 Beyntched (r) (T) (59857)
9.30 The Demi Paradise (1943, b/w) with

Laurence Olivier and Marjone Fielding Second World War propaganda comedy directed by Anthony Asquith (1) 11.35 Australia Wild (r) (7298383) 12.00 Garden Party (r) (T) (62321) 12.30pm

Blue Wilderness, Return of the Giant (99963) 1.00 Moving People (13128) 1.30 Drop (29007963) 1.35 All the Way Home (1963) Sentmental

First World War. With Jean Simmons and Robert Preston, directed by Alex Segal 3.20 Here's One I Made Earlier (T) (5630418) **3.50** Fifteen-to-One Grand Final (T) (6306499) **4.30** Countdown (T)

(8993383) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (2853166) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (876) 6.00 The Cosby Show The family look back on warm memories (789)

6.30 Tour De France The 55km time trial in St Etienne (741)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (611418) 7.50 The Political Slot (662166) 8.00 Garden Party From the Manor House, Heslington, York. The party visit floral arrangement artist George Smith's

garden (T) (5050) 8.30 Brookside Will Elaine finally confess her secret to Cassie? The pressure takes its toll on Ollie (T) (1857)

9.00 Friends: The One With the Jam Phoebe is stalked by a man while Monica becomes broody (T) (3437) 9.30 Cybill: Going to Hell in a Limo Cybill is

suspicious of Jack's motives (2/2) (T) (86499) 10.00 Frazier: Love Bites Dog Buildog falls in

love with Frasier's blind date (T) (63050) 10.30 Harry Hill Sketches and stand-up comedy (T) (459128)



11.05 Candyman (1992) Director Bernard Rose's adaptation of Clive Barker's chilling story Helen Lyle is researching a paper on urban myths, including that o the Candyman, a spirit with a hook hand who is supposed to appear when his name is said five times into a mirror With Virginia Madsen, Tony Todd, Kasi Lemmons and Xander Berkeley (481282) 12.55am Robin Adult animation (9988364)

1.00 Panic on the Streets (1950) Thriller with Richard Widmark, Jack Palance and Zero Mostel. Directed by Elia Kazan (224708) 2.50 Floods of Fear (1958) Atmospheric thriller with Howard Keel and Cyril Cusack Directed by Charles Crichton (7588364)4.15 Takeover TV (1146109)

5.05 Tour de France (r) (5051567)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound:

7.02 and 7.20 MHz 6.00am 5 News Early (9334128) 7.30 Havakazoo (7160215) 8.00 The Enid

Blyton Adventure Series (7050012) 8.30 WideWorld (7059383) 9.00 Espresso (3750673) 10.00 Exclusive! (r) (5739383) 10.30 The Car Show (r) (7079147) 11.00 Leeza (6611963) 11.50 Double Espresso (19462321) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautitul (T) (7060499)

12.30pm Family Affairs (T) (4634857) 1.00 5 News Update (T) (29863893) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8677944) 2.00 5's Company (6657499)

3.30 Can You Feet Me Dancing? (1986) with Justine Bateman, Max Gall and Jason Bateman. A blind girl's struggle to break free from her overprotective parents. Directed by Michael Miller (6708505) 5.25 5's Company: Late Extra (68708876)

5,30 100 Per Cent (7407437) 6.00 Move on Up (1) (7497050) 6.30 Family Affairs Elsa makes the brave decision to return home (T) (7488302) 7.00 Exclusive! (1) (6747741)



7.30 CHOICE Close Encounters: Sea Change The devastation man has caused to the coral reel (T) (7484586) 6.00 Attractions The Tate Gallenes in London. St lives and Liverpool; a Beatles tour of the city of Liverpool and the hidden delights of Pirnlico In London (6763789) 8.30 5 News (T) (6742296)

9.00 Nothing But the Truth (1995) with Patricia Wettig, Ken Olin and Tia Carrere Murder-mystery tale about a he-detector expert whose personal judgment is call into question Directed by Michael Switzer (59199673)

10.40 Not the Jack Docherty Show (1200708)

11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (9678147) 12.25am Sex and the Married Woman (1977) A woman writes a book about ner neighbours' sex lives. With Barry Newman and Joanna Pettet Directed by Jack Arnold (4645600)

2.15 What's Good for the Goote (1969) Limp British sex cornedy with Norman Wisdom. Directed by Menahem Golan (2349726)

4.05 Appointment In Hondures (1953) Adventure with Glenn Ford, Ann Shendan and Zachary Scott. Directed by Jacques Tourneur (24604884) 5.25 The Road (92901161)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3748838)

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Furyk and Clarke stand firm to share early lead in Open Championship

Windswept Troon takes heavy toll

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Clarke can seldom have played better than they did on the opening day of the 126th Open Championship. As more distinguished names reeled from the indignities heaped upon them by a Royal Troon course at its most demanding. Furyk, 27, and Clarke, 28, had rounds of 67 to share the early

As Ian Baker-Finch, the 1991 champion, tumbled to a 92, 17 men senred in the 80s and only nine men were under par as the sun began to set, it would be stretching things to say that Furyk and Clarke made light of the 7.079 yards of Ayrshire countryside that other competitors found so difficult. What made the course so testing was the northwesterly wind that blew at about 15-20mph for most of the day. speeding competitors away



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from the clubhouse and causing them all sorts of torture from the moment that they turned for home.

Furyk and Clarke had to fight tooth and nail over the fearsome inward nine to consolidate scores that they had created on the outward half, but to be four under par on a day when the realistic par was probably 72 or 73 is no small achievement for men who could be in their respective Ryder Cup teams in two

Greg Norman, Fred Couples and Justin Leonard scored 69s and all did so when the wind was at its strongest. Davis Love III and Andrew Magee are three strokes behind Furvk and Clarke and so is Jesper Parnevik, who managed the astonishing leat of birdicing four of his last five

JIM FURYK and Darren holes. Colin Montgomerie played as poorly as he always does in the first round of an Open and took a 76, while Nick Faldo appeared to be revelling in the difficult conditions posed on the homeward half. Having dropped one stroke on the 10th, he then reeled off seven pars before finishing with a flourish by holing a 25-foot putt on the last

> Furyk is tall, solidly built and the son of a professional. He has perhaps the most distinctive swing in golf, one that appears to contradict every piece of conventional wisdom. Clarke is as tall, as heavy, and one of the sights these days is to see him squeeze his massive frame into the tiny interior of a Ferrari. Both, however, plant themselves solidly and can strike the ball so that it bores its way through a wind.

There is more to getting around Royal Troon in such conditions than hitting a ball. It takes patience and a golfing wisdom that comes with experience. "When I first came over I was 26," Furyk said. "I had no Walker Cup experience and thought to myself on the way over: 'Hey, it's still golf, man.' That's the name of the game. You've still got to get the ball into the hole in as few strokes as possible." Rounds of 84 and 75 at

windswept Carnoustie in the Scottish Öpen last year taught Furyk that he had not yet mastered the art of playing in a wind, but yesterday suggested that he has now.

Clarke said that the enormous putt he holed on the 11th was one of the most significant strokes he hit all day. It was all of 70 feet and a birdie on such a difficult hole put an extra spring in his stride as he turned to face those other long par-fours on the homeward journey. It probably felt like a

Whether Tiger Woods has learnt about the art of getting it round in the way that Furyk was talking about is a moot point. Woods made several mistakes, such as hitting enormous drives that ended in bunkers, on the 1st and the 7th for example. He was only one over par on the outward half, when the wind was helping. and a seven on the 11th was the score of a young man not quite at ease. Woods is joined by Tom Watson and Curtis Strange on level par.



Clarke, whose battling 67 enabled him to match Furyk for the first-round lead, plays out of the rough to the 18th green yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

This was a day worthy of an Open Championship, a day of three distinct weather conditions. The day dawned cold, grey, and windy enough to whip up whitecaps on the waves in the Firth of Clyde. "My goodness," an American exclaimed, "Don't they know it's July?" It was reminiscent of a remark made by a Japanese Turnberry. Having come into the haven of the dubhouse cold and soaked to the skin he

asked: "Why don't they hold the British Open in summer?" Slowly, the greyness disap-peared, and by late afternoon the sun came out strongly to cast shadows on a few golfers brushing up on their putting on the green by the clubhouse. The wind, which had been constant most of the day, slowly began to ease off. It was a wonderful day for golf on a links, a wonderful day for the

It was not only the homeward holes that posed such a threat. The 5th was also into the wind and its little green must have looked every bit the

By PATRICIA DAVIES

IAN BAKER-FINCH made

one bad decision this week

and one good one. The bad

decision was to play in the first round of the Open. The

good decision was to admit his error and withdraw after a

92, 21 over par, that was gruesomely Flitcroftian. Maurice Flitcroft is the

former crane driver who

keeps trying to sneak into the

Open qualifying. This. how-

ever. was the championship

proper and Baker-Finch.

champion in such style at

Royal Birkdale in 1991, is in a

different category altogether. The long lean Queensland-

er had five pars (only one of them in an inward nine of 48)

six bogeys, six double bogeys

and one triple, at the 542-yard

16th, where his first drive

went soaring right, out of

bounds somewhere near the

tented village and the next

was a quick hook left. At the

end the scorers had to make

up a special number 92

because the official ones

stopped at 91.

size of a stamp. The experiences of Montgomerie, Watson, who had a 71, and Mark McNulty, who scored 78, were representative of the difficulties that the players faced on this hole. Not one found the putting surface from the tee and not one was close after two strokes. The length of the hole? Just 126 yards.

Jack Nicklaus was one of a small group who matched par coming home in a round of 73.

Advagce guard Montgomerie misery Lynne Truss

No one bettered it. Only once did he use a club smaller than a five-iron for a second shot and that was on the 12th, where he reached the green with a seven-iron.

It is worth recording what clubs Nicklaus used as he battled back towards the clubhouse: 10th - two drivers; 11th - driver and two-iron: 12th driver and seven-iron; 13th driver, five-iron and full nine-

iron: 14th - three-iron to 15 feet: 15th - driver, sand wedge from a bunker, four-iron; 16th driver, two-iron, four-iron from where he holed his fourth shot: 17th - driver: 18th

- driver, one-iron. "Par on the homeward nine realistically was 39," Nicklaus said. "Let's face it, there are six par-fives, six holes I could not

Hole (par) yards strokes

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Finch went home to Australia

after the Open last year and

started working with Edwin

after missing the cut in the Heineken Classic in Perth at

Things had started to im-

prove but Baker-Finch, the

man who drove out of bounds

at the first hole in the first

the end of January.

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7 15th (4) 457 6

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reach in two strokes. I only just reached the crosswalk on the 18th with my drive and had to hit a one-iron to the green.

Lee Westwood was of the same view. There were six par-fives on the back nine today," Westwood, one of the longest hitters in Europe, said

could do was offer support as

his mate disintegrated in pub-

lic, giving every spectator a

sick feeling in the pit of their

Playing reasonable golf

with friends in Ireland and

France, as he did last week, is

not enough. As Baker-Finch

said afterwards: "I can play

well at times, but I have not

been competing so I'm not sharp. And that's what I was

concerned about if we had a

day like today. The hardest

thing is being an Open cham-

pion and just wanting to do so

well puts extra pressure on

Russell Claydon, his play-

ing partner, who struggled to

a 79 of his own, paid tribute to

Baker-Finch. "His attitude was great," he said. "He

behaved like a gentleman. I'd

like to think I'd be able to

behave like that in those

Baker-Finch's love of the

game and his spirit had kept him going and he will need to

draw deep on both now. The decision to play yesterday was brave but foolhardy.

Now only he can decide if it

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That's a par-five to me." Think First You want lower phone bills?

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Black-belt grade: Jewish tribe (3) 11 Nearly be late (3.2.4)

Harmless (9) 14 Docile (8)

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20 Swiss mountain (3) 21 Animal-skin coat (3)

> Baker-Finch agonised before the round - to play or not to play and allowed himself to be persuaded by family and friends that he should - and he was in agony during it. The cause of the discomfort was not the bad back that has been troubling him recently, but a game that simply was not ready to take on Troon, which was as fierce and unforgiving as it is necessary for a golf

A brisk northwesterly breeze (in Troon terms - it might count as windy elseward nine was in its Henry VIII "off with his head" mode. It was a place to test the best. but not a place to test out a fragile. if improving swing nor a level of confidence that started at zero and plummet-

ed as the round ground on. It broke Baker-Finch's heart. This will either make or break him." Gary Edwin, the coach who has been working with Baker-Finch for the past few months, said anxiously. "It's just a shame, such a

Baker-Finch. 36. had been given a season's leave of absence by the US PGA Tour. The tour handbook tells the story in stark facts: "Another year of struggles ... failed to make a cut for the second consecutive season." Baker-

Baker-Finch's glory days of 1991 were a distant memory at Royal Troon yesterday, where he went round in 92

Baker-Finch makes up numbers It's your call! Andrews two years ago, never looked comfortable yes terday. He seemed tight and tense on the cramped 1st tee, and when he set up to the ball he looked like what he was a man working on his swing and far from comfortable with the changes. Todd Woodbridge, the termis player, was caddying but all he

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